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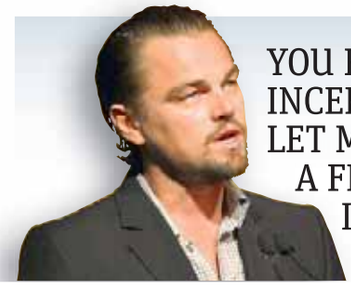

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The founder of Toronto-based tech startup OpenCare.com says he's working to liberate patients from the frustrating inefficiency of health-care appointment scheduling.

"The whole system has been like a black box," says 27-year-old Nikolai Bratkovski. While Canadians spend more than $200 billion annually on their health care, he said they have had limited choice and minimal control in a system where "there is no transparency."

But the OpenCare CEO said new tools are emerging for the "empowerment of the patient," with a cadre of startups addressing what he calls a critical need for an online database of health-care providers and clinics.

Bratkovski said the company is focusing on compiling data from private non-OHIP service providers, such as dentists and therapists, in the GTA. Established less than four years ago, the company has more than $1.4 million in startup capital to fund a planned expansion to other Canadian cities and the U.S.

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A protester shouts slogans at Talaat Harb Square in Cairo on Thursday. Three women who were active democracy campaigners were beaten and dragged off by police during a Cairo protest. The police abandoned them on a dark, remote highway. Story, page 20. MOHAMED EL-SHAHED/GETTY IMAGES

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Easing the commute

Premier Kathleen Wynne and Transportation Minister Glen Murray arrive at Pearson Airport's Viscount Station on Thursday. Wynne touted the Liberal government's new legislation designed to enforce continuous, long-term investment in infrastructure such as public transit that might ease some of those commutes. She also rode the recently re-opened airport Link train that will bring travellers to Pearson in 25 minutes from downtown when it opens in 2015.

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Kennedy transfer quicker than LRT?

Metrolinx. Crosstown interchange will take longer than transfer station: Estimates

Transit riders hate to transfer.

Eliminating a transfer at Kennedy Station was one of the key justifications for a city council decision to build a $3 billion, three-stop subway extension in Scarborough rather than an LRT.

But it turns out that transfer would have been relatively quick compared to what's coming at other stops on Toronto's new transit map.

The Kennedy connection was expected to take riders 40 seconds on average in the morning peak, according to Metrolinx. The estimate doesn't include time spent waiting for trains.

That transfer at Kennedy would have been relatively short compared to estimates for the interchange stations on the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT.

While Metrolinx and the TTC have different numbers, both suggest it will take longer to move between subway and LRT at Eglinton West and Eglinton Station.

Metrolinx, which uses computer modelling to come up with its estimates, projects that the transfer between LRT and subway at Eglinton Station will average one minute, 45 seconds. At Eglinton West, it will be about 3.5 minutes.

Those times — again, the product of computer simulations — are based on ridership projections for the peak hour of the morning commute.

Design problems

The interchange stations are one of the most challenging design problems on the Crosstown. In addition to keeping the connections fast and simple, the LRT has to be built while the subway stations are still mostly functioning.

While the TTC transfer times are longer, they are not directly comparable to the Metrolinx projections, stressed TTC head of engineering Susan Reed Tanaka.

Unlike Metrolinx, the TTC calculates its transfer times using the Ontario Building Code guidelines for rapid transit stations. Those estimates of walking times are far more conservative and don't necessarily reflect the average rider's walking speeds, she said.

"(The Ontario Building Code is) not really looking at an average walking time. They're looking at a reasonable worst case. That would include children and seniors and people who would have difficulty walking or moving in a crowd. The reality is I might be able to walk twice as fast as those speeds," said Reed Tanaka.

Using those guidelines, the TTC projects a five-minute, 25-second transfer between subway and LRT at Eglinton West, where the LRT platform will be one level below the subway. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cross-border shopping

Canucks go to U.S. and back for Black Friday

Canadians streamed across the border on Thursday to take advantage of Black Friday sales that now begin on Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.

Mark O'Donnell, 32, of Brampton, and his wife Georgette O'Donnell, 32, who works for the TTC, were first in line in front of a Target in Niagara Falls on Thursday afternoon. They got there at 10 a.m., 10 hours in advance of the 8 p.m. opening.

It was freezing cold and Mark O'Donnell was sitting on a chair on the pavement to the left of the doors, sharing a blanket with an Oakville man who until Thursday morning had been a stranger.

"I stand in line for sports. I go to the Bills games. I know how to sit in the cold outside," said O'Donnell.

Sitting beside him was Jay Husack, 39, of Oakville. The men were watching football on a computer hooked up to the O'Donnell family car.

All three were lined up to buy electronics.

Opening times at stores and malls in Niagara and Buffalo were staggered across Thursday evening and Friday morning.

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Black Friday shoppers like these will be out in force. GETTY IMAGES

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Language key to G20 spying: Group

Hiding behind semantics? Civil-liberties association says security agency may be relying on unusual definitions of words like 'target'

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Exactly how Canadian and American spy agencies co-operated during the 2010 G20 summit in Toronto is still unknown — but one civil-liberties group says their use of the English language may be key to finding out how their spying affects Canadian citizens.

In response to the recent leaked document about G20 spying, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson refused to say Thursday whether Canada let the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) conduct spying in Canada.

He said Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) "is prohibited from targeting Canadians. And CSEC cannot ask our international partners to act in a way that circumvents Canadian laws."

According to the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA), which has filed a lawsuit against CSEC in regards to spying on Canadians, unusual definitions of words like "target" may explain why government and spy agency public comments seem to suggest the opposite of the leaked information about their operations.

The security agency has lines of communication it often uses without deviation, such as "CSEC is prohibited from targeting Canadians."

BCCLA policy director Micheal Vonn said she believes that means CSEC is trying to promote the understanding that it isn't spying on Canadians, when that is not true. Instead, CSEC is relying on a secret interpretation of the law — and "legal" definition of some words — to justify some domestic spying.

"What they are claiming is not at all what ordinary Canadian citizens understand of these terms, like 'collect,' like 'target,'" she said.

For example, the NSA denied "collecting" certain information about Americans and then admitted to having in fact gathered information, but had relied on a different definition of "collect" than most people would assume, she said.

The most recent spying revelation, reported by the CBC and American journalist Glenn Greenwald, based on a leaked document from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, indicates the NSA operated widespread surveillance in Canada during the 2010 summits, with co-operation from CSEC.

The CBC has not publicly released the document but said it did not indicate the precise targets of the spying. It noted that one goal was to aid government policy making, suggesting the targets may have been foreign officials. However, the document was largely focused on security issues, and said "issue-based extremists" conducting acts of vandalism, which appears to refer to mostly domestic protesters, were a greater threat than Islamic extremists.

The document's reported description of sweeping surveillance suggests it is likely domestic protesters were caught in the NSA's net, said Vonn.

Rules of the spy game

The BCCLA has filed a lawsuit against CSEC claiming that it conducts unconstitutional "broad and unchecked surveillance" of Canadians, and spoke out about the most recent revelations.

- "This is wiretapping, this is use of underground cables and every other way that you can intercept signals. That's what the NSA does, that's what CSEC does," Vonn said. "Exactly how this is done is not known."
- The BCCLA is calling on CSEC to make public the laws they follow in regards to spying on Canadians, and the legal definitions they use.

Riders of the moustachioed age

From left: Ben Frisby, Kevin Shaw and Jordan Gildersleeve arrive in Toronto on Thursday after cycling more than 4,700 kilometres as part of the Moustache Ride Across Canada, with the moustache-clad RV that accompanied them on the trip. The lifelong friends set out from Vancouver on Oct. 17 with the goal of raising $100,000 for Movember, and surpassed their goal Thursday morning. CONTRIBUTED

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Maura Lawless, executive director of the 519 Community Centre, in front of the Foundry and Wheel building on Thursday. The group wants city council support to begin talks with the province to build a $100-million LGBTQ sports facility in Toronto. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto group pushes for LGBTQ sports facility

519 Church Street. Community Centre has a private donor offering to pay third of estimated $100-million cost

A Toronto community centre wants to build a sports facility that caters to LGBTQ groups — and it has a thus-far anonymous donor willing to contribute more than $33 million for it.

The 519 Church Street Community Centre is proposing a $100-million sports-and-recreation centre at the Wheel and Foundry complex site in the West Don Lands development area.

While LGBTQ-focused, the facility would be open to everyone in the community as its population is set to boom, said Maura Lawless, executive director of the 519, which draws its core funding from the city and fundraises to cover costs of its programs and services.

"We do know that realistically, across the city of Toronto, not every recreation facility and sports centre is accessible and welcoming to the LGBTQ community. There's no question about that," said Lawless.

The philanthropist offering up a third of the budget doesn't want to be named yet, said Lawless.

"The donor was very interested in this particular project because, for them, they understood how profound the opportunity to participate in sports and recreation in a welcoming space for LGBTQ people transformed their particular life," she said.

Under the proposal, which will go to the city's community development and recreation committee next week, the 519 would raise another third of the costs and request government — municipal, provincial and/or federal — kick in the remainder.

Once opened, the city would provide core funding and the 519 would raise money for programs and services. The 32-hectare former industrial area of West Don Lands is undergoing a major construction effort to build the Athletes' Village for the 2015 Pan American and Parapan American Games. The proposed building is currently a vacant heritage site owned by the province.

At the end of the Games, the neighbourhood will have 6,000 new housing units with an estimated 11,000 residents.

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Looking to the province

If the proposal passes committee and council, the city would begin negotiations with the province to acquire the site and begin planning the work

- It's believed this would be the first LGBTQ-focused sports centre in Canada.
- Construction would begin at the end of 2015 and take about two years to complete.

Houda Rafle

Cancer victim's family pursues lawsuit after cancer victim's death

The family of a deceased Toronto woman plans to pursue a lawsuit against a hospital and doctor, alleging their errors resulted in her premature death, their lawyer says.

"Their wish is that they very much want to continue the lawsuit that Houda started," lawyer Duncan Embury said Thursday of 28-year-old Houda Rafle's family.

Rafle, a television producer, died Wednesday from cancer.

Just two weeks earlier, she and her family — her parents and six siblings — filed a statement of claim, alleging negligence against the Trillium Health Partners and radiologist Dr. Ivo "Ivan" Slezic.

Both the hospital and the doctor plan to challenge the lawsuit. Lawyers for Trillium have filed a "notice of intent to defend" and Slezic's lawyer, Kelly Tranquilli, said "a defence will be delivered in due course." The hospital also refuses to comment about the legal challenge.

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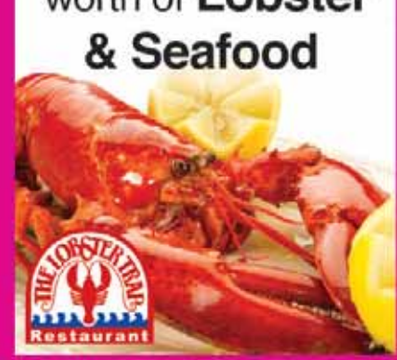

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Lawsuit. Ex-Ornge CEO wants $1M in bonus cash

Ornge's ousted CEO Chris Mazza claims the province's troubled air-ambulance service still owes him $1 million in bonuses.

Mazza is counter-suing Ornge for the money, claiming in court documents that he was supposed to receive the bonuses by February 2012 — a few days after he was terminated from Ornge amid allegations of financial irregularities.

Ornge is suing Mazza for $500,000 plus interest, saying he defaulted on a loan he received in 2010, which he used to buy a Toronto home.

It alleges Mazza tried to sell the home without Ornge's consent and "failed or refused" to repay the loan.

Mazza denies Ornge's claims, saying the $500,000 wasn't a loan but an advance on his bonuses in 2009 and 2010 that were part of his board-approved compensation package.

Chris Mazza TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

He admits he provided a promissory note at the time, agreeing that he would be in default if he failed to repay the loan or tried to sell the house without Ornge's consent.

But the note "was only a formality to accommodate the arrangement" that he had with Ornge for payment of his bonuses, according to his statement of defence.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime

Man faces charges after three hurt in stabbing

A 50-year-old man is facing charges after a stabbing incident in Toronto's west end left several people wounded, one seriously.

Police say officers called to College and Lansdowne for reports of a fight around 6 a.m. Thursday found a man armed with a knife.

A stun gun was deployed by officers during the arrest and the man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police say officers then found a 49-year-old man believed to be the target of the attack with apparent knife wounds to the neck area, and he was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

Two men who tried to intervene in the fight were also injured.

Police say Jamal Hamed of Toronto will be charged with one count of attempted murder and two counts of assault with a weapon.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

City staff urge delay of Porter airport decision

Billy Bishop. Crucial information regarding proposed expansion is said to be missing

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly now heads the executive committee, which is scheduled to debate the Porter airport plan at next Thursday's meeting. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City staff are urging Toronto politicians to put off any decision on whether Porter Airlines should be allowed to fly jets from the island airport until 2015 because there are too many unknowns.

Deputy city manager John Livey told reporters on Thursday as the report was released, six months after it was commissioned, that key data are still missing.

That includes whether Transport Canada sees a runway extension — of as much as 200 metres at each end — as feasible, and whether Bombardier's new CSeries jets — still in the flight-testing stage — would meet existing noise restrictions.

However, the biggest question still remains: Just how big an airport would it become if Porter Airlines is permitted to fly the CSeries jets from the airport — and who would pay the associated costs.

The runway extension's cost is estimated to be as much as $100 million just for lake filling, not counting runway surfacing and airport-terminal facilities. Measures to mitigate traffic issues at Bathurst Street and Queens Quay could run as much as $300 million.

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Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly's message to Porter CEO Robert Deluce

"Are we going to be dealing with 4.8 million or five million people at the airport, or the 2.3 million currently, with a modest increase?" Livey asked.

Porter CEO Robert Deluce remains undaunted by the deferral recommendation. He thinks councillors would consider a conditional approval of the plan, with a commitment for the parties to resolve the outstanding issues.

He has an ally in Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, who has no issue with jets, saying, "It could be planes propelled by rubber bands, as long as it's quiet."

The executive committee is scheduled to debate this item next Thursday.

Kelly wants to see a council vote, saying any delay would hurt the city's competitiveness, especially if airport opponents prevail in the 2014 municipal election.

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MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND KEY TO TTC SERVICE RELIABILITY

ANDY BYFORD
CEO
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION

It's been a busy 10 days. On Nov. 20, the TTC Board approved our 2014 Operating, Wheel-Trans and Capital budgets. This was a defining moment in our efforts to improve the TTC – we simply had to secure an increase in operating subsidy from the City to enable us to add service and, subject to full Council approval in January, we met that objective.

The next day, customers got the chance to question my senior team and I at the latest of our Customer Town Halls. As usual, there was plenty of passionate debate and honest feedback, much of which revolved around the five-cent fare increase that helps to meet the cost of accommodating ever-rising ridership levels.

This budget does more than add capacity. It also allows us to deploy on-street supervisors to improve bus and streetcar reliability, and station supervisors to better manage safety and customer service on the subway.

TTC CEO Andy Byford with recent TTC route and station supervisor graduates.

I attended the graduation class of a number of these staff on Friday and stressed to them the criticality of their role in improving service on the ground. It was very encouraging to witness their passion for the customer and to hear their determination to progressively improve the quality of your ride.

Finally, I attended a breakfast briefing with the Federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs, and took the opportunity to give Denis Lebel a copy of our Five-Year Corporate Plan.

It's all part of a concerted campaign to secure affordable, long-term funding for the TTC – from all orders of government.

Harvey Shop Visitors

Five-year-old Sofia and her three-year-old brother Anthony checked out the new streetcar during the open house held by the TTC at its Harvey Shop last Saturday. More than 700 people toured the facility where TTC streetcars are maintained and components for the bus and subway fleet are made. Visitors also got to board the vintage PCC and Peter Witt streetcars as well as the new low-floor streetcar and the new articulated bus. All proceeds went to the United Way.

TTC STUFF-THE-BUS IS BACK!

This Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., TTC employees will be holding the annual Stuff-the-Bus Toy Drive at seven Walmart stores across Toronto:

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- 799 Milner Avenue (Milner/Morningside).
- 1900 Eglinton Avenue East (Eglinton/ Pharmacy).
- 2245 Islington Avenue (Islington/Rexdale).
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TTC's 12-metre buses will be set up as drop-off stops for new, unwrapped toys, that will be donated to the Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness. Hope to see you there!

SUBWAY CLOSURE: VICTORIA PARK TO KENNEDY STATIONS

This weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 30 and Sunday, Dec. 1, a portion of the Bloor-Danforth line will be closed from Victoria Park to Kennedy stations for scheduled track upgrades. During the closure, shuttle buses will operate every two-to-four minutes between Victoria Park and Kennedy stations, with Wheel-Trans available for customers requiring an accessible connection. Staff will be on hand to offer assistance. Regular subway service resumes at 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name:
Patricia Lewis

Position:
Upholsterer

Years of Service:
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NOV. 29 & DEC. 1:

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NOV. 30 & DEC. 2:

- **Pink at Air Canada Centre.** Subway to Union Station.

NOV. 30:

- **Cavalcade of Lights at Nathan Phillips Square.** Subway to Queen or Osgoode stations.
- **Toronto Marlies at Ricoh Coliseum.** 511 Bathurst streetcar. For an accessible connection, 509 Harbourfront bus to Exhibition Place.

DEC. 1:

- **Buffalo Bills at Rogers Centre.** Subway to St Andrew Station, five-minute walk south.

DEC. 3 & 5:

- **Toronto Maple Leafs at Air Canada Centre.** Subway to Union Station.

SERVICE CHANGES

- **501/301 Queen** and **508 Lake Shore** streetcars turning back east at Humber Loop, with replacement buses operating on Lake Shore between Humber Loop and Long Branch Loop diverting via Park Lawn and The Queensway until Dec. 22 due to platform work.
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Mike Duffy audit.
Tories block key witness on alleged interference

Conservative senators blocked a bid Thursday to have a key figure from the audit firm Deloitte testify about alleged interference into the review of Sen. Mike Duffy's expenses.

The move came as the Senate's internal economy committee heard from three other Deloitte partners about the audit they had done into Duffy's living claims between February and May.

Deloitte's Gary Timm confirmed what had been revealed in a police report last week — that Michael Runia, one of the firm's managing partners, called him to inquire about the Duffy audit. Runia was not a member of the audit team.

An RCMP court filing last week revealed that Runia made the call at the request of Conservative Sen. Irving Gerstein, who in turn had been prompted by the Prime Minister's Office.

"As I indicated before, he wanted to know if Sen. Duffy were to repay (his expenses), how much would it amount to," Timm said of Runia.

"I said I couldn't tell him, I couldn't disclose any confidential information to him — that was the gist of the conversation."

Timm said that he notified others at the firm about the call, but no report was made back to the Senate committee — Deloitte's client — about the matter.

When Liberal Sen. George Furey later moved to have Runia appear to answer questions, Sen. Gerald Comeau, the Conservative chairman of the committee, ruled against him, saying it's not the committee's job to conduct police-style investigations.

A subsequent vote, which included Comeau's Conservative colleagues, upheld the ruling, much to Furey's disappointment.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Workers walk out after colleague's suicide

Halifax. One employee says management harassed Peter MacKenzie to get him to retire sooner

HALEY RYAN
Metro in Halifax

Workers at the Halifax Shipyard walked off the job on Thursday after they say a fellow worker killed himself following months of harassment.
HALEY RYAN/METRO IN HALIFAX

Nearly 200 workers at the Irving Shipyard in Halifax walked off the job Thursday morning after employees said resentment "boiled over" when they learned a co-worker had killed himself following a suspension, and what they say was months of harassment by management.

A shipyard worker who preferred not to give his name said he "almost cried right on the spot" when he heard of the death of Peter MacKenzie, whom he said he worked with for 25 years.

"He was singled out and harassed in many regards," said the man. "We've had enough and it's as simple as that.... It boiled over."

Workers left their jobs around 7:30 a.m., lining both sides of Barrington Street at the bottom of Devonshire Avenue and crossing the street each time the lights changed.

Union president Cliff Pickrem said MacKenzie was suspended for 30 days due to poor workmanship on his scaffolding Tuesday, but later heard an engineer say the work was "quite up to standard."

In a statement, Irving said "It is not appropriate to speak about details regarding individual employees."

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said they received a suicide call for a home in Eastern Passage on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. and found a 58-year-old man dead.

Metro reached out to the victim's family, who preferred not to comment.

Tyler Stewart, 29, was among many who said the company has become much harsher and more disciplinary in the last year and a half since Irving won the national shipbuilding contract and new management came in.

"A lot of the older gentlemen, they're trying to almost make them retire ... they want to make their lives miserable," Stewart said. "Unfortunately it has to come to this to make a better situation."

Pickrem and national union rep Rick Rose came from negotiations just before noon and said Irving's president was flying to Halifax. They told the crowd management understood their frustration, but was asking everyone to continue working.

Many shouted "no way" and left the property, saying they would return Friday.

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Outsmarted: Constant texting, emailing and using apps on our smartphones turns us into addicts, especially when we begin to view trivial things as obligations. GETTY IMAGES

ONLINE SLAVES

Digital addiction. The internet is central to our work and play, but it's rapidly revoking our free will

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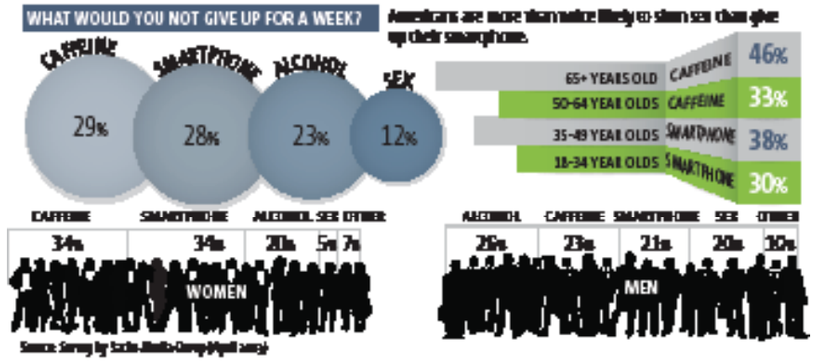
Metro World News in London



Sixty-two per cent of Canadians check their smartphones every hour, a new poll finds. And six per cent check them every 10 minutes.

But it's not just Canadians. Similar statistics from other countries show we're slaves of our digital devices.

Think about your morning routine: do you wake up, check your emails/Twitter/Facebook, then have coffee and breakfast? You're not alone.

Eighty-four per cent of Americans start their day by checking an app, says a survey by U.S. software company SOASTA. 67% check their email, 45% check the weather, and 40% log on to social media.

"Checking the weather online first thing in the morning, it's not so different than just listening to the news on the radio or looking at a thermometer," notes Rolf Nelson, a professor of psychology at Wheaton College, near Chicago. "The problem is when it becomes a compulsion and intrudes on other things we'd rather be doing.

"The difficulty many people might have is in stopping themselves before it becomes a real waste of time. Checking if you got that email reply from a particular person changes to a half hour wasted playing Candy Crush."

Vili Lehdonvirta, a sociologist at the Oxford Internet Institute, has studied the ever-rising allure and utility of all things digital. "We're increasingly attracted to apps and websites because they are increasingly useful in our work, learning and social lives," she says.

"But it's reasonable to say that sometimes we're attracted ... for the wrong reasons: out of feelings of obligation, or impulsively, when the mind wanders, and we know we should be doing something else."

The internet, in other words, is making us lose our free will. We can say no to a friend, a dinner invitation, even a work assignment —but we're finding it hard to resist Candy Crush.

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5 ways to detach from your phone

Tech blogger shows what we gain when we (temporarily) lose our devices.

NOAH KRAVITZ, TECH BLOGGER AT FUTURESMARTER.COM

1 Concentrate on another task

Consciously put the phone down every now and then during another activity. For instance, I've fallen into the habit of using my phone while watching TV. Reminding myself to put the phone away and focus on the TV show helps me get out of the phone trance and benefit more from the show.

2 Start the day with your phone away

Do not reach for the phone first thing in the morning. Do something else first: Make coffee, talk to your family/roommates, turn on the radio. Don't start your day with screen time. Many people, myself included, charge their phones overnight on a bedside table so it can double as an alarm clock. That's great, but makes it too easy to reach for the screen first thing every morning.

3 Keep both hands on the wheel

Do not text and drive. Period. Mainly for safety reasons, but also to break the persistence of gadget time. Taking your eyes off the road is a decision you could deeply regret.

4 Give yourself some distance

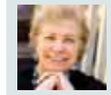
If you generally keep your phone in a pocket like I do, at least once a day try placing it on your desk or a table/counter at home and just leaving it there for a while (15-30 minutes to start). You can keep the ringer on so you won't miss important calls or messages, but being physically separated from your gadget will help you understand just how often you reach for it out of habit.

5 Don't make a meal out of it

Don't use your phone during meal times. If you're alone, read a book or magazine or listen to the radio, or just be alone with your thoughts. If you're with a friend, put both of your gadgets away and talk to each other — for the whole meal.

Gadget habits

Caught up in a whirlwind



HILARIE CASH
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The end

"ISON probably hasn't survived this journey"

Karl Battams, U.S. navy solar researcher, commenting on images showing Comet ISON failed to emerge from a spin around the sun.

Scientists say it appears a comet from the fringes of the solar system didn't survive its close encounter with the sizzling sun.

Images from NASA spacecraft showed Comet ISON approaching for its slingshot around the sun on Thursday, but nothing coming out on the other side.

In a Google+ hangout, U.S. Navy solar researcher Karl Battams said "ISON probably hasn't survived this journey."

Phil Plait, an astronomer who runs the Bad Astronomy blog, agreed, saying, "I don't think the comet made it."

Still, he said, it wouldn't be all bad news if the 4.5-billion-year-old rock broke up into pieces, because astronomers might be able to study the pieces and learn more about comets.

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Topiary willies mystify Windsor

Windsor, Ont., has a penis problem.

Over the past month, a phallic prankster has been vandalizing bushes along the city's riverfront, cutting them to resemble male genitalia.

The first incident happened Oct. 16. After pictures of the shrub surfaced on a local blog, the city immediately dispatched a landscaper to cut it back down to size.

"Whoever the individual was is quite talented, to be honest," said John Miceli, Windsor's director of parks and facilities.

A second prickly thicket appeared in the same location two weeks later, catapulting the story into international headlines. Even comedian Jimmy Kimmel tackled the salacious shrub on his late night show.

"Imagine being the gardener who has to circumcise a bush," Kimmel joked.

Although the second plant did bear a resemblance to the first, the city maintains it wasn't the work of vandals.

"I think it's just someone's imagination," Miceli said at the time. "It's the same bush that's been there for 20 years, and I've been assured that it hasn't changed in appearance."

However, the lewd landscaping didn't stop there. On Nov. 21, someone dropped off a series of garland-covered letters spelling out the word "penis" on the riverfront.

Whether the most recent prank was the work of the original culprit, or simply a tribute, Miceli said his patience for penis jokes has worn thin. He's ordered staff to dig up the bushes in a "proactive" bid to prevent further hijinks.

They'll be replaced with tulips, which he believes will be harder to vandalize.

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These bushes in Windsor, Ont., will be replaced by tulips in a bid to curb gardening vandalism. LEFT: COURTESY THE WINDSOR SQUARE; RIGHT: TOM MORRISON/FOR METRO

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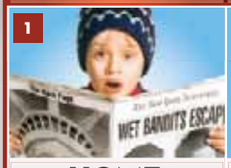
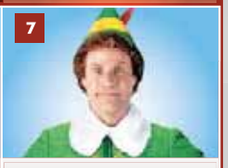
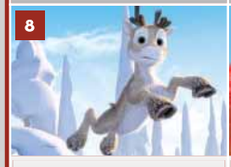
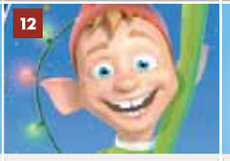
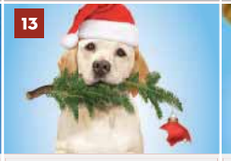
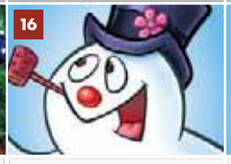
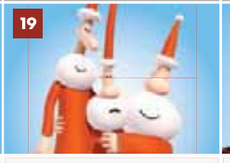
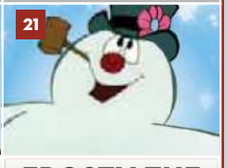
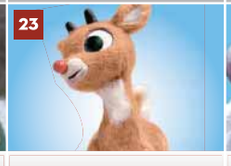
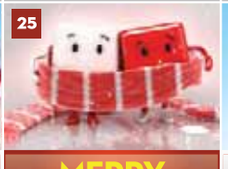
1  HOME ALONE 2	2 MERRY MADAGASCAR	3 PREP & LANDING	4 ICE AGE: A MAMMOTH CHRISTMAS	5 IT'S A SPONGEBOB CHRISTMAS CLAYMATION SPECIAL	6 A FAIRLY ODD CHRISTMAS	7  ELF
8  THE FLIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS	9 iCARLY iCHRISTMAS	10 ABOMINABLE CHRISTMAS	11 A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS	12  THE HAPPY ELF	13  THE DOG WHO SAVED THE HOLIDAYS	14 CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS
15 JINGLE ALL THE WAY	16  LEGEND OF FROSTY THE SNOWMAN	17 RETRO SPECIALS! BACK TO BACK	18 YOGI BEAR CHRISTMAS SPECIALS BACK TO BACK	19  SANTA CLAUS BROTHERS	20 HOME ALONE	21  FROSTY THE SNOWMAN
22 HOME ALONE MARATHON 11AM - 8PM	23  RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER	24 SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN "LITERALLY!"	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 RIO	27 AMERICAN GIRL MOVIES	28 NANNY McPHEE
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Cops beat Cairo protesters

A harrowing night this week underscored for three prominent female Egyptian democracy campaigners how little has changed — and why they and other activists are opening a new, non-Islamist protest front against the military-backed government installed after the July 3 coup that ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

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Egyptian women beaten and dragged off by police during a Cairo protest, then abandoned on a remote highway.

The three — Rasha Azab, Mona Seif and Nazly Hussein — and 11 other women were beaten and dragged off by police during a Cairo protest. In the middle of the night, the women were piled into a police truck and driven through the desert outside Cairo. Then the police abandoned them on a dark, remote highway.

"The girls were shaken," said Azab. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Survivors deal with

Stigma. Long-term survival rates are high, but aging sufferers face isolation, anxiety and depression

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News in London

By 2015, half of the people living with HIV/AIDS in the West will be over 50. Given that the pandemic has claimed more than 35 million lives and was until recently considered a death sentence, long-term survival on this scale seems miraculous.

"There was a 'Lazarus effect' when retrovirals arrived in the 1990s," says Alice Welbourn, 55, first diagnosed with HIV in 1992. "People were getting up out of wheelchairs and the funerals stopped — it was amazing."

After diagnosis, it took a support group to stop Welbourn from killing herself. More than 20 years later, the British native is fit and healthy with an "undetectable viral load." She takes daily medication but is in no danger, and dedicates herself to promoting awareness around the condition, and its hidden dangers.

Isolation remains a problem, as people with HIV often struggle with relationships. "Attitudes haven't changed," says British-Italian Silvia Petretti, 44, who was diagnosed aged 30 and is perfectly healthy. "If I start a relationship I have to persuade them a) I'm not going to die, and b) I'm not going to infect them."

Isolation contributes to around 75 per cent of HIV sufferers experiencing mental health problems, according to the HIV and Later Life (HALL) project, the first major study into HIV and aging.

"High levels of anxiety and depression is concerning," said lead investigator of the study Prof. Damien Ridge of the University of Westminster, U.K. "Many people said they need to talk about their HIV. But that's difficult when friends and family don't know what's happening due to stigma."

The study documents widespread rejection from family and friends, who associate the condition with homosexuality and drugs. People with HIV often internalize stigma and shame, says Petretti, who is also deputy chair of charity Positively U.K. "Often they feel they deserve to be rejected."

Petretti believes the current generation "owe their lives" to the first generation of people infected in the 1980s, whose campaigning led to the medical breakthroughs that made survival possible. She is inspired to continue their work.

"Any social movement relies on the people directly affected — as with civil rights or the suffragettes," she says. "Nothing will happen without us, which is why we need more solidarity."

Petretti works to extend support networks in countries in Eastern Europe and Africa, where education is suppressed and the epidemic spreads.

Both Petretti and Welbourn describe themselves as a test generation, the guinea pigs for new, unpredictable treatments. They hope that the next generation can beat the prejudice.

HIV research. Federal government pledges $10.7 million to find cure

The federal government has earmarked $10.7 million for new research aimed at finding a cure for HIV as part of the global effort to eradicate AIDS.

Health Minister Rona Ambrose announced the five-year funding Thursday for two projects led by researchers in Montreal.

Dr. Eric Cohen at the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montreal will receive the bulk of the funding — $8.7 million — to lead the Canadian HIV Cure Enterprise.

That project is a collaboration of the country's leading HIV researchers aimed at finding new approaches to curing HIV infection.

Dr. Hugo Soudeyns at the Centre hospitalier universitaire Sainte-Justine will receive $2 million to head a project focused on curing babies and children who acquire HIV from their mothers during pregnancy.

The projects are funded through a partnership that includes the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, or CANFAR, and the International AIDS Society. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# of HIV prejudice

Silvia Petretti, deputy chair of Positively U.K., works to extend support to countries in Eastern Europe and Africa where education is suppressed. COURTESY SILVIA PETRETTI

Mental health. Government at a loss to explain recent rash of soldier suicides

Beyond expressions of sympathy, the Harper government and the Canadian Forces appeared at a loss Thursday to explain a number of suicides this week among veterans of the war in Afghanistan.

The latest case involved a senior non-commissioned officer at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, northwest of Ottawa.

The army identified him as Warrant Officer Michael McNeil of 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment. Since the death occurred on the base, military police are investigating.

A Defence Department investigation into two other deaths in Western Canada is currently underway, a sombre and visibly moved Defence Minister Rob Nicholson told the House of Commons.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends and colleagues of these departed individuals, and I wish all those associated with those individuals peace during this difficult time," Nicholson said.

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Argentina

Clash outside Monsanto plant

Argentine union members have clashed with environmentalists protesting the construction of a plant by U.S. seed giant Monsanto.

Local media report they came to blows outside the plant in Córdoba province Thursday.

Environmentalist Vanina Barboza charges in comments to local TV that dozens of workers from the Argentine Construction Union attacked the protest camp near the plant, injuring 20 activists and stealing personal objects. Monsanto executive Adrian Vilalba accuses the environmentalists of destroying workers' cars.

Construction of the corn-processing plant was halted in October when environmentalists began disrupting entry of supplies.

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Macdonald House

Government sells London mansion

Canada has sold the historic London mansion that houses part of the Canadian High Commission for $530 million to an Indian developer.

The government announced the sale of Macdonald House at One Grosvenor Square in London to the Mumbai-based Lodha Group.

Canada plans to consolidate its diplomatic activity at another historic property, Canada House on Trafalgar Square in the heart of London.

Foreign Affairs announced its plan to sell off diplomatic residences in March 2012 as part of a $170-million, cost-saving effort.

But analysts have said the plan would hurt Canadian diplomacy as the government seeks to deepen trade.

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From war to the model life

Healthy change.
Meet the London, Ont., retail manager who swapped a Syrian refugee camp for fitness and physique contests

MIKE DONACHIE
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Saadiya Ghanem, who left a Syrian refugee camp for a new life in Canada. Right: Ghanem ready for competition. LEFT: MIKE DONACHIE/METRO IN LONDON; RIGHT: CONTRIBUTED

Canada offers many opportunities, but for one arrival from the troubled Middle East, the change has been especially profound.

"In my culture, you're not even allowed to wear a bikini," said Saadiya Ghanem. "My parents were shocked."

Once, she was an Iraqi refugee in a camp in Syria. Now she's heading to Canada's national championships for fitness enthusiasts — in bikinis.

Ghanem, 29, a retail store manager in London, Ont., has earned a place in the Bikini, Figure, Fitness and Physique Championships in Edmonton next July. She qualified at a provincial contest in Toronto after beating out 25 other women in a local competition.

When she was five years old, soon after Iraq invaded Kuwait, Ghanem was woken late at night by her parents. "My dad was going to be taken away from us to be put in the army," she said. "He knew he wasn't going to come back. We decided one night that we needed to leave."

So they did. It was a six-hour walk in the rain, at night, but eventually they found themselves in a refugee camp. They stayed there for nine years.

It was basic, with almost no health care and little education, said a tearful Ghanem. She helped her mother as best she could but when the Canadian government sponsored them to come to Canada as refugees in 1999, the family of seven children and two adults jumped at the chance.

It was, of course, life-changing. "There are just so many things that are better about Canada that I can't even name," said Ghanem, who was then a teen. "The people here are amazing. There's so much more freedom."

And that freedom includes the chance to take part in the contest that sees people judged on fitness and physique. It's different from bodybuilding, says Ghanem, because it's not so much about muscle. She says it's all about health, and she owes her health to Canada.

"When I arrived in Toronto and got in the taxi, I was like, 'Wow.' It was like something I never thought I would see.

"I thought I would be in the camp forever."

Eating for health

- Saadiya Ghanem eats five times a day. Breakfast is eggs, toast and peanut butter and she follows it mid-morning with a protein shake and some almonds. Lunch is chicken, sweet potatoes and unlimited greens, with another protein shake mid-afternoon. Supper is chicken, fish and more greens.
- Once a week, Ghanem takes a day off and eats whatever she wants. She likes burgers, fries and cheesecake.
- She also takes supplements made by her sponsor, SD Pharmaceuticals, including green coffee beans.

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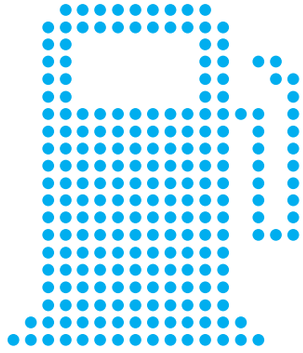

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Non-believers start their own global church

Our father, who art in England? Atheist collective claims to be the fastest-growing church in the world

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News in London, U.K.

Come for the service, stay for the coffee: Standup comedians turned humanist ministers Sanderson Jones and Pippa Evans lead London, England's leading atheist church, the Sunday Assembly. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

The Sunday Assembly started small in 2012, hosting monthly ceremonies at a deconsecrated church in a chic London, England, suburb. Founded by comedians Sanderson Jones and Pippa Evans, the events sought to combine the warmth of a congregation with irreverent entertainment, featuring songs and life-affirming lectures.

As word spread, the assembly became a community of active participants, inspired by the mantra of "live better, help often, wonder more." The local city council reclaimed their venue, but the assembly, undeterred, found new homes across London, the United Kingdom and beyond, as eager followers joined the movement and founded their own chapters. In the past two months, affiliated Sunday Assemblies have opened in 22 cities across five countries.

The creators deny that their idea has become another religion; they say they simply wish to provide the social hub missing in many godless communities. "We are born from nothing and go to nothing. Let's enjoy it together," proclaims the first of their 10 "commandments."

The Sunday Assembly now claims to be "the fastest-growing church in the world," citing a "3,000 per cent growth rate" in the past year. Jones and Evans have spent much of 2013 on tour — from the U.S. Bible Belt to the Australian outback — that will extend the reach further still.

The movement has not been without its critics, and the comedians are frequently heckled in traditionally religious areas, but the concept is now firmly established.

Minister Sanderson Jones addresses the crowd. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

The congregation at a Sunday Assembly service. NICK CUNARD/METRO WORLD NEWS

Migrant survivor wants future here

Juan Jose Ariza. He survived a wreck near Stratford, now he's awaiting word from Ottawa on his status

SCOTT TAYLOR
Metro in London, Ont.

Juan Jose Ariza survived a collision that killed 10 people outside of Stratford in February 2012. He spent the following 18 months in agony willing his broken body to heal in a London long-term care facility.

But the one foe he hasn't been able to beat is the Canadian government.

Not yet, anyway.

Ariza and 12 other migrant workers had finished their shift of vaccinating chickens when their extended van ran a stop sign and was crushed by a truck driven by a London man, who also died.

Only Ariza and two other workers survived the carnage.

While recovering, Ariza was separated from his wife and young son. His work visa had expired and he wasn't going to be granted another one due to his injuries.

That meant that if he left the country, he would likely not be allowed to re-enter it again. He wanted to bring his wife Edith and son Flavio here on humanitarian grounds because his injuries occurred while working in this country. London North Centre MP Susan Truppe said there's reason to be optimistic about a future for him in Canada.

"He hasn't been turned down and the file is still active, so things are moving along well."

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Foreskin fight rages in Israel

Long-standing debate. Uproar follows religious court's penalizing divorced mother for refusing to circumcise son

An Israeli rabbinic court has fined a woman hundreds of dollars for refusing to circumcise her baby son, officials said Thursday, in a landmark case that has sparked a new uproar over the role of religion in the Jewish state.

The case shines a spotlight on a long-running debate over religious coercion in Israel, where generations of leaders have struggled to find a balance between the country's Jewish and democratic character.

The matter ended up in the rabbinic court as part of an ongoing divorce battle. The woman announced her refusal to circumcise the boy, saying she did not wish to harm him. The Israeli rabbinate's high court ruled last week the circumcision was for the child's welfare and that the woman must pay the equivalent of nearly $150 each day she refuses the circumcision.

"The decision is not based only on religious law. It is for the welfare of a Jewish child in Israel not to be different from his peers in this matter," said Shimon Yaakovi, legal adviser to the rabbinical court. He said it was the first time a religious court in Israel has punished a parent for refusing to circumcise. A year ago, a civil court also ruled in favour of circumcision in a dispute.

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Theocracy charge

"(It's) dangerous for democracy.... It turns the government into a theocracy."

Said Ronit Tamir, anti-circumcision activist. Most Israelis are secular, but founders gave Judaism a formal place in the nation.

Israelis protest Thursday in support of a woman who refuses to have her son circumcised. ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Burnside, N.S.

Jail incident investigated

Police are investigating an alleged assault at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside, Nova Scotia that involved two corrections officers.

Halifax Regional Police spokesperson Const. Pierre Bourdages says they received a call Thursday about an assault at the jail. He wouldn't say who was involved, but a justice ministry spokesperson confirmed the incident involved two corrections workers. No one was injured and there have been no arrests.

METRO IN HALIFAX

RCMP. Cop told not to use medical pot in uniform; force policy under review

The case of a New Brunswick Mountie who's reportedly been told he cannot smoke the drug while in uniform underscores the need for employers to better understand medicinal marijuana, an advocate for medical cannabis said Thursday.

Adam Greenblatt of the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries, said the RCMP should allow Cpl. Ron Francis to smoke in uniform providing he is not impaired. "If this officer was a diabetic, would they prevent him from using insulin on the job?" Greenblatt said.

Francis told the CBC that there's no policy in the RCMP that prevents him from smoking his doctor-prescribed marijuana in public or while wearing his uniform. Their report said Francis is assigned to administrative duty. He uses pot to treat post-traumatic stress disorder.

RCMP deputy commissioner Gilles Moreau told CBC Francis should not use marijuana in uniform and the force is reviewing its internal policies on the matter.

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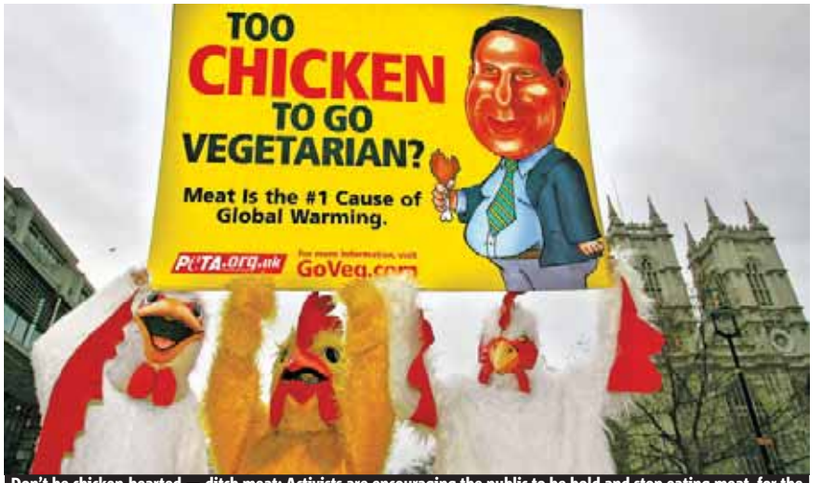


Don't be chicken-hearted — ditch meat: Activists are encouraging the public to be bold and stop eating meat, for the sake of the environment. GETTY IMAGES

Do humans really need to eat meat?

Food. A vegetarian world could look a lot healthier all around

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in London

Imagine if citizens could single-handedly take action to avert climate change. By doing so, they would save rivers and lakes, help the world feed its growing population, and get a lot healthier in the process.

The solution, say many environmentalists, is to stop eating meat. Its production accounts for 18 per cent of human-caused greenhouse gas emissions, according to figures from the Washington-based environmental group Worldwatch Institute. That's more than air travel, for example.

"Both animals and fertilizers emit greenhouse gases," notes Reyes Tirado, a scientist at Greenpeace. "And nitrogen and phosphorous from manure pollutes water."

Meat production currently takes up 75 per cent of the world's agricultural land, and causes deforestation as more and more land is needed to supply a growing population that maintains a meat-heavy diet.

If the planet is going to feed an expected population of nine billion by 2050, we need to use the land more efficiently. A new study from the University of Minnesota says reducing consumption of meat and dairy by 50 per cent would help the world feed another four billion people.

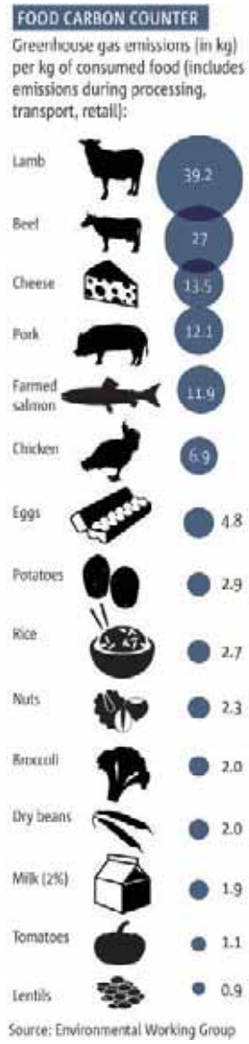
But isn't it cumbersome to replace meat with protein from other sources? On the contrary. Most people in the developed world eat too much protein, most of it in the form of cheap, processed meat.

What's more, according to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, a U.S. food-health body, a vegetarian diet is suitable at all stages of life.

But what about the animals' benefits to pastures? These are marginal pluses compared to the weighty benefits of ending meat consumption. Also, the vast majority of livestock never graze in any pastures. "When people think of meat, they think of Old MacDonald's farm," notes Paul Shapiro, vice-president of farm-animal protection at the Humane Society.

"But more than 90 per cent of farm animals are confined to factory farms. They never see the sun, they never step on grass."

With the world's nations unable to reach consensus on several more clear-cut environmental issues, a global ban on meat is unlikely. However, unlike several climate-change initiatives, giving up meat is a decision that doesn't need government approval.



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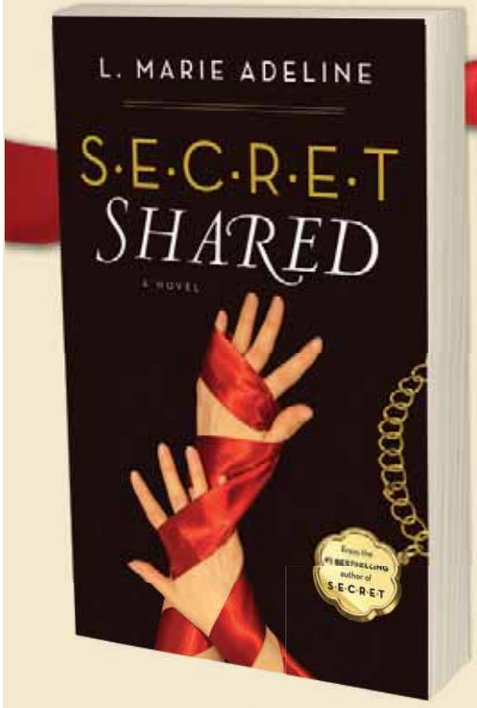

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Ever feel like you're being tracked at the mall? Turns out you might be, with retailers turning to technology to track shoppers in a bid to tailor the shopping experience to customers. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

You're not paranoid, stores are spying on you

Online and IRL.
Retailers are tracking your movements using cookies, heat sensors and cellphone signals

Advances in technology have never made tailoring deals to shoppers this holiday season so easy — or so creepy.

Online stores have long tracked your movements on the web through cookies. And bricks-and-mortar stores have started tracking you too — experimenting with heat sensors and monitoring phone signals to see which aisles are most popular. One product called "Shopperception" uses the same motion-detection technology in the Xbox Connect to pick up a customer's movement, including whether they picked up a product only to return it to the shelf. In addition to analyzing customer behaviour, it can trigger nearby digital signs offering coupons and steering shoppers to certain products. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He knows what you're buying

"You can't have Christmas anymore without big data. ... You know that song where Santa knows when you've been sleeping? He knows when you're awake? That's where he's getting his information from."

Jeff Chester, executive director at the Center for Digital Democracy

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Temp Figures It All Out

If you came here expecting a happy ending, that's exactly what you're going to get. It's a few months later, I'm now Mrs. Xu, there are twin Xus in the offing, and the twins will be in line to inherit over a billion dollars. I remind myself of this every time I think of the coffee room's Girl Guide chocolate-bar honour box, and how horrified I always was to find out staffers had shortchanged it, and how I paid out the difference from my own pocket.

What about TWK? Don't worry about the old gang — they're doing just fine. The building is now home to Mr. Xu's vanity project (and mine), which is to be the world's largest online retailer of vintage and high-end sneakers. Sarah No. 1 is once again in charge of online marketing development, and Sarah No. 2 is back developing e-commerce strategy. This time, their decisions will have a chance of being implemented and making some kind of difference.

With a slight romantic twist, Sarah No. 3, who I never really got to know, is seeing Kyle, who quit the refinery after a week spent inhaling its magic aromas. Kyle is now getting a full sleeve of ink on each arm and is in charge of "Branding Atmosphere," which means — I'll be honest — I have no idea what, but I'm just so glad he's no longer inhaling oil. I'll always have a soft spot for that loveable lunkhead who kind of flirted with me, and who I kind of flirted with back when we were both younger and dumber.

The Danimal we now call "The Shaker" because we send him out doing anything that involves old-school middle-management people shaking each other's hands: Conferences and land leasing and that kind of stuff.

The present is all we have. And really, how does Kate Winslet manage to always drop those pounds?

It's a remarkably effective category and he loves it. Dan and Chantelle split up quite amicably. Chantelle and Darren are engaged and living in the gated community together. Chantelle's lips have shrunk and she looks a tiny bit more human and promises not to get more work done.

And the happiest ending of all is for Kurt, the old guy by the stoplight, who now has his own office out by the delivery bay where his main task is to sit, enjoy life and maybe watch the Carpenters on VHS — he refuses to go online.

So maybe you entered this story expecting there to be a Boogeyman — someone who we can yell at, and whack with sticks like a piñata. But there is no Boogeyman here. There's only the times we live in, and we can bitch about them or we can move forward, and if you don't move forward, well, you'll be left behind, left in the past, which makes no sense — because the present is all we have. And really, how does Kate Winslet manage to always drop those pounds?

THE END

Random fact of the day

The difference between poisonous and venomous animals: "If you bite it and you die, it's poisonous. If it bites you and you die, it's venomous."

SOURCE: WTFFUNFACT.COM

Wages

Equal work, equal pay

The Workers Action Centre is campaigning for equal pay as part of its advocacy for workers' rights, which includes approaching politicians and conducting online campaigns.

"Permanent workers are earning a lot more," said centre organizer Sonia Singh. "The typical statistic is that temp workers earn 40 per cent less than permanent workers.

"The government should include in the law that temp-agency workers receive the same wages as permanent workers when they are doing the same work." **MIKE DONACHIE/METRO**

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Race to the bottom

Government jobs no sure thing

Government temp jobs are no longer the coveted positions they used to be. Wages for temp workers in the public sector have fallen by up to 40 per cent since the feds started awarding contracts to the lowest bidder, according to the Association of Canadian Search, Employment and Staffing Services. **METRO**

Random biz fact of the day

98%

An overwhelming majority of job recruiters used social media to search for candidates in 2012.

SOURCE: WORKOPOLIS

The clock is ticking

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TEMP is ... well, temporary

Douglas Coupland's 20-day novella is a pop-up project and will disappear from our website this Monday at 12:01 a.m. EST. If you've missed an instalment, there are still three days to catch up at temp.metronews.ca — before it is gone forever. **METRO**

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THE METRO LIST

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1 Tom Hanks. In the most random moment of 2013 possibly, Hanks showed up at the Grey Cup in Regina. Turns out he was there cheering on the Tiger-Cats with his L.A. pal Martin Short, a Hamilton native. Hanks wore a Ticats toque (and later a Riders toque), hung out with the Sheepdogs and sat in the chilly stands. Can we adopt him as ours?

2 Twitter and Time. This year, Time announced a unique new partnership with Twitter as part of their Person of the Year issue. Users can vote for their choice by tweeting with the hashtag #TIMEPOY. The readers' choice poll ends Dec. 4. So go ahead now and cast your vote for ... Miley?

3 Movember wrap up. I wore my mo proudly this year, and raised over $1,000 to join Mo's Platinum Club. One of the feel-good stories of this year was three buddies who cycled from Vancouver to Toronto and raised nearly $100,000 for Movember in their Moustache Ride Across Canada. Amazing guys, amazing cause.

4 @bOringtweets. Who would think that a boring Twitter account would be a hit? But it is. Its nearly 140,000 followers get tweets like "I've just looked at something," "I've just signed for a parcel for next door," and "I hope I dream about cardboard again. That was one crazy dream." I would keep giving you examples, but I have to watch paint dry.

5 Ron Burgundy. Will Ferrell's fictitious Anchorman character will be in Winnipeg this Sunday covering Canada's Olympic curling trials dubbed Roar of the Rings for TSN. They should consider hiring Burgundy permanently: Ratings would go through the roof.

6 Toronto + Bon Jovi = NFL? Toronto football fans were living on a prayer wondering whether their city would ever get an NFL franchise, but thanks to Bon Jovi, that might become a possibility. The rocker is a leading contender to buy the NFL's Buffalo Bills and, with some powerful and rich T.O. friends, move them to the city.

7 Global anchor Katie Couric. No, not for Global News. Couric will now be the global anchor for the resurgent Yahoo. She will start next year and be the "face of Yahoo News," CEO Marissa Mayer wrote in a blog post. In effect, Couric will now be the global ambassador for Yahoo. This move is another example that the future of TV is online.

8 Harvard. The Ivy League school got some negative attention after a video was released asking students: "What is the capital of Canada?" and answers ranged from Vancouver to Ontario. Duh! It's not right, because us Canadians all know the capital of the United States is New York, eh?

9 Social media jobs. A Workopolis study says jobs for social media experts will be obsolete in 10 years as digital natives enter the workforce who are already able to do that work, so having social media skills will no longer be a differentiator for us digital immigrants. Also, we'll soon be able to schedule tweets 10 years in advance so our work here is complete.

10 Paul Bissonnette. You might not have heard of the Canadian NHLer, but his Twitter account @BizNasty2point0 is a riot. His Twitter bio says: "Play in the NHL for the Phoenix Coyotes. Well sort of. Once played in the ECHL for the Wheeling Nailers, seriously, that was the name." With tweets like "If you ever feel insecure about your looks, go to the Vegas airport and sit at a nickel machine and smoke," this is a gem. 475,000+ followers agree.

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Wood you believe it

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Vintage vehicle created from oak

A man has made a VW Beetle — out of wood.

Momir Bojic from Celinac in Bosnia and Herzegovina has hand-built the impressive Bug with mind-boggling patience, using skilled woodworking to create intricate detailing. Everything from the bonnet to the gearshift has been carved by Momir in his garden workshop. **METRO**

Slow and steady wins building race

Progress was necessarily slow because of the work's labour-intensive nature.

Momir said: "Some days my wife and I might end up with just two or three rows of pieces on a panel, but this was irrelevant as far as I was concerned because I'm a bit of a perfectionist. Accuracy was far more important than worrying about how long the work was taking." **METRO**

Wife chips in for hubby's project

Momir, who spent time working at the Volkswagen Transporter manufacturing plant in Hanover, Germany, got some help from his wife Nada.

"I was intending to undertake the task by myself, but after my wife saw the amount of effort involved she felt I was crazy to try and do it all on my own and was happy to offer her assistance in the project." **METRO**

Motorbike made from locust wood

Momir isn't the only man from Eastern Europe adept at making wooden vehicles.

Istvan Puskas from Tiszaros, Hungary, spent two years building a motorcycle from weather-resistant black locust wood.

Puskas used cow horns as a handlebar and exhaust pipe, and a gasoline engine from an old Fiat. **METRO**

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Terrified of stepping foot in a shopping mall during Black Friday or the rest of the holiday season? There's a beautiful place you can pop into to get your shopping done without the Jingle Bells soundtrack, oversized faux cedar trees or never-ending lineups: The Internet.

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Sift:

The site launched about a year ago as a website that mined your email looking for deals and promotions that may interest you. Now, with the help of $2 million for seed funding, they've launched an iPhone app that lets you shop right from your phone. Wait for their upcoming social function.

Slice:

Not exactly a shopping site, but more like an online shoppers personal assistant. Slice keeps track of what you buy and lets you know if you're eligible for a price adjustment, recalls, and other things you may want to know about your purchases.

Karmaloop:

Look sharp AND get good deals on trendy new weekending duds from Karmaloop. Site often has promo codes to get your saving started (Black Friday code is BLKLIGHT, FYI).

Comments

RE: Tips On (Cough) Hacking A Cold, by John Mazerolle, published Nov. 28

How about starting by improving your immune system.

I rarely get colds, and I haven't had the flu in 21 years, despite the fact that I work with a lot of people who get sick a lot. Flu shots..?? Never.

We are getting too caught up in cleanliness as a society. That's not to say I don't engage in personal hygiene. I just don't subscribe to the antibacterial everything that society wants us to.

My wife and four-year-old daughter also do not get sick. My daughter has been sick once since she was born. My tips..?? If you drop it on the floor, pick it up and eat it. If you cough, cough into your hand. And, eat a pound of dirt a week.

Remember, your immune system is an army, and an army needs practice to fight effectively. Take away its ability to practise, and when real germs come along, it will not be able to fight it, and you'll get sick.

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Holiday gift guide

FretLight Guitar — $299 and up, clockwise, from left, LG SoundPlate — $499.99, Sony Walkman WH303 — $149.99, Mondo Wi-Fi Music Player — $179.99, Philips ShoqBox — $149.95, iPod Touch — $229 and up, SleepPhones — $39.95 and up, Skullcandy Crusher — $99.99.

Don't fret music lovers

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Music is the gift that keep on giving. Impress the audiophile in your life with one of these musical gadgets under the tree.

FretLight Guitar — $299 and up

Learn to play the guitar with a little high-tech help. LEDs light up the frets on this special guitar so you know exactly where to place your fingers. Download songs from your favourite artists or purchase entire sets of lessons. Available in acoustic and electric.

iPod Touch — $229 and up

There's a reason Apple's iPod remains the No. 1 MP3 player on the market. Beautiful design, gorgeous retina display and simple user interface make this a huge hit for all ages. Use it to store and play thousands of songs, or immerse yourself in the tens of thousands of apps.

LG SoundPlate — $499.99

This innovative speaker system sports a simple design, which doubles as a pedestal beneath your flat-screen TV. The 4.1-channel sound system comes with dual built-in subwoofers for rich, full sound while watching your favourite movies or TV shows. When your eyes get tired, enable the Bluetooth feature to listen to your favourite tunes from your phone or tablet. Available in December.

Philips ShoqBox — $149.95

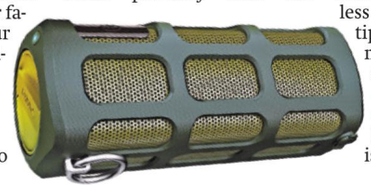
Designed to withstand water and abuse, the ultra-durable ShoqBox is one for true road warriors. Two speaker drivers create loud, clear audio with the ability to pair two ShoqBoxes as left-right speakers. This unit doubles as a hands-free speaker for your phone.

Sony Walkman WH303 — $149.99

Headphones with a built-in MP3 player. Store up to 1,000 favourite songs with 4GB of internal storage, then decide how you want to listen to them. You can wear the headphones around your neck and let the built-in speakers pump out the tunes, or listen to your music privately with the headphones on your ears. A single charge will give you up to 20 hours of music enjoyment.

Skullcandy Crusher — $99.99

These headphones are designed with one thing in mind — bass. An adjustable bass slider will have music lovers fine-tuning their favourite tracks while an in-line mic on the cable lets you have phone conversations. These headphones are smart enough to turn on automatically when the tunes begin to play and turn off when not in use to preserve battery life.



Nuvo Wireless Music System — $229 and up

Spread music throughout the house. This system utilizes your home's Wi-Fi network to stream lossless level audio to multiple rooms. Supports music services such as Pandora, iTunes and SiriusXM satellite radio. This high-end system isn't cheap, but if you are an audiophile it's worth the hefty price tag of a complete system.

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JANINE FALCON
For Metro

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Lancome Trésor Eau de Parfum Lumineuse, clockwise, from left, Dolce & Gabbana Pour Femme Intense, Fresh Life Eau de Parfum, Aerin Amber Musk, Armani Si, Jo Malone London Saffron Cologne Intense, Clinique Calyx, Estée Lauder Modern Muse, Chloé Roses de Chloé, Valentina Oud Assoluto, and Elizabeth Arden Untold.

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Wreaths were traditionally hung on the front door, welcoming others to the home. Today, wreaths can be used in a variety of ways to add a festive touch during the holidays. STEPHEN COBURN/SHUTTERSTOCK

A welcome decor touch

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

Hanging a wreath is one of the easiest ways to add a festive touch to your home's curb appeal and interior decor. Traditionally, wreaths were hung on the front door, welcoming others to the home. These days, you can use multiple wreaths and literally decorate for the holidays in minutes.

We've asked Brian Rattray, a Toronto-based Canadian Tire general manager, to share his top 10 tips and trends on decorating for the holiday with wreaths.

1 Sinamay wreaths are super stylish this season. Sinamay is mesh ribbon or fabric that comes in Christmas colours and patterns that loop, gather and twist into a beautifully full and fashionably wreath. They look great inside and out.

2 Dress up your front door with pre-lit wreaths. They look impressive at night and make your front door the focal point of your holiday decor.

3 Place a wreath in your holiday theme colours on the table as a centrepiece and use pillar candles to fill the centre.

4 Hang them on doors to give rooms a simple festive touch or take down a few pictures and hang wreaths in their place — they look especially impressive over a fireplace.

5 Keep it natural with pinecone wreaths, which go great inside and out with just about any decor.

6 For a modern aesthetic, silver-, gold- or copper-coloured wreaths are just the right touch.

7 Hang wreaths in your windows and they can be enjoyed inside and out.

8 Multiple wreaths that are similar or identical help create a theme for your indoor and outdoor decor and make decorating incredibly easy. Use two or three and you don't need anything else.

9 Don't go simple. The most popular wreaths for the holiday season are overstated — the more embellished, the better.

10 Circular wreaths are traditionally most popular, but think outside the box and consider a swag, square or teardrop shape instead.

Gift baskets. A delicious option

If you can't spend time with friends or family members this holiday season, there are still ways you can send your greetings and share your love.

What about selecting Christmas fruit baskets? It is one of the best gifts you can select for the season.

A fruit basket can convey your greeting and express your care towards the health of the ones you love. Missed family members and friends can gather around the table to celebrate the occasion and create memorable moments with your gift basket.

The ability of gift basket designers plays a role in making fruit baskets so demanding during the holiday season. The fruits are beautifully designed to make it look like a precious gift. Well-known online fruit gift delivery stores hand-pick the best and freshest fruits to make the gift royal, romantic and delicious at the same time.

A holiday gift basket can be a tasty option. DASHA PETRENKO/SHUTTERSTOCK

Go online and place the order within minutes. Select the gift basket and schedule your delivery date.

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Gift cards give you the opportunity to tailor a gift and still let the recipient make the final choice. ANNA SUBBOTINA/SHUTTERSTOCK

Gift cards. To give or not to give

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

When it comes to giving gift cards, 90 per cent of Canadians either purchase or give gift cards in any given year.

And this number is rising, says Steve Dekker, managing director of Blackhawk Network Canada, the company that runs many of the gift card mall kiosks within retail outlets in Canada. Still, many people worry when it comes to giving a gift card, so we asked Dekker to address some common concerns.

Is it personal enough?

One of the biggest challenges for gift givers is finding just the right gifts. Gift cards for movies, restaurants, retailers or music give you the opportunity to tailor a gift and still let the recipient make the final choice.

I really like my friends and family to have a gift to open

Many people put gift cards into greeting cards or drop them into a stocking, but you can be more creative. Put them in small boxes and wrap them up or package them up with another gift so they can be unwrapped together.

I don't know what card they might like

Consider a Visa or MasterCard gift card. They might not be as personal, but the clear advantage is that they can be used anywhere. The disadvantage is there is an additional fee for these purchases.

I'm worried the card might be forgotten or get lost and never be redeemed

Typically, the faster you use the card, the less likely this is to happen. Keep your gift cards in a handy place so you don't forget you have them.

The card may expire before it's used up

There are consumer protection laws to prohibit expirations on cards or additional fees.

What if you don't want the card you're given?

You can exchange or even return unused cards online for a small fee. Check out cardswap.ca for more.

Leave a festive impression

JANE DOUCET
For Metro

If you are stumped about what to get someone on your holiday gift-buying list, why not consider a festive plant?

"A nicely wrapped plant in a decorative pot is a great gift for a tabletop," said Robin Godfrey, the owner of Lakeland Plant World in Dartmouth, N.S.

Godfrey describes three popular holiday house plants and how to care for them:

Poinsettia: Hands down, this is the most recognizable plant of the season.

Traditionally sold with bright red and green leaves, which remains the consumer favourite, it also comes in many patterns and colours. The tropical greenhouse-grown plant comes in different sizes, too, from four to 12 inches. With proper care, a poinsettia can last until spring. Don't overwater it, but don't let it dry out completely, either. It does well in indirect light but won't thrive in a cold room.

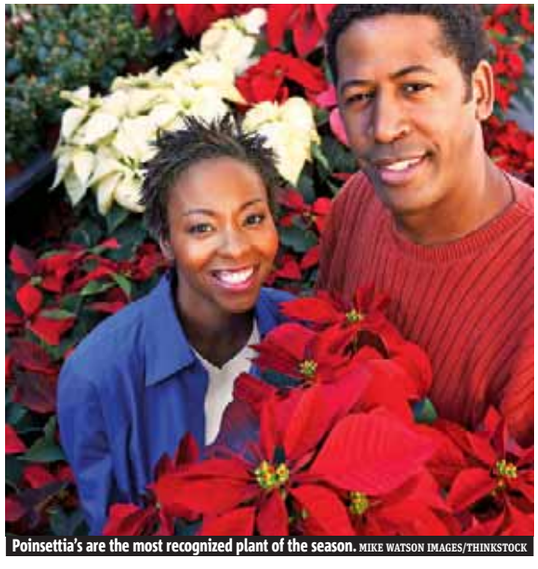
Holly: With bright red berries against dark-green pointed leaves, holly is synonymous with winter and the holidays. Plus, it's the gift that keeps on giving.

"You can plant holly in the ground in the spring," Godfrey said.

Place it in well-drained, slightly acidic soil in full sun. If you want a bush with berries, keep in mind that most varieties have male and female plants, and that only the female shrub produces berries. So, in the spot where you would like to plant a holly bush with berries, you will need to plant a female variety and make sure that a male variety is planted nearby.

If that's too complicated, try to find varieties that don't need a male plant in order to produce berries.

Christmas cactus: This year-round plant has flowers that hang from the ends of its leaves. It will adapt to low light conditions but will produce blooms more readily if exposed to brighter light (too much direct sunlight can burn its leaves, however).



Poinsettia's are the most recognized plant of the season. MIKE WATSON IMAGES/THINKSTOCK

Christmas games for children

If you plan to throw a Christmas party for a group of children this year and you are stuck for game ideas, then here are some fun suggestions that will keep them truly entertained.

Simple, traditional party games can be adapted to suit a particular theme, so since it's a Christmas party you could adapt the following classic games into a Christmas theme:

Santa Says: This is just like Simon Says.

Snowman Freeze: When the music stops, children have to freeze and stand still like a snowman. The child who moves first is out until the last remaining child is left.

Pin The Tail On Rudolph: Play it like Pin The Tail On The Donkey, but adapted to pinning a big red nose on Rudolph.

Santa, Santa, Elf: Played like Duck, Duck, Goose, or you can choose other appropriate names if you prefer.

Pass The Christmas Gift Box: This is the same as Pass The Parcel, but wrap a box in Christmas paper and fill with pre-wrapped gifts for each child.

Apart from the traditional style games, here are some other games and activities that can be fun to play.

Fill The Christmas Stocking Relay: Ideal for a larger group of children, this game involves splitting the kids into two teams. Hang up a couple of Christmas stockings and get two large bowls and fill them with candies. The children have to scoop up candies with a spoon, walk over to the stocking and fill it, then run back and give the spoon to the next child in the line. The team that fills up the stocking with the most candies is the winner.

Pass The Candy Cane: Form two groups of children into two lines. The children have to pass a candy cane to each other using one finger only. The first team to pass the candy cane up and down the line is the winning team. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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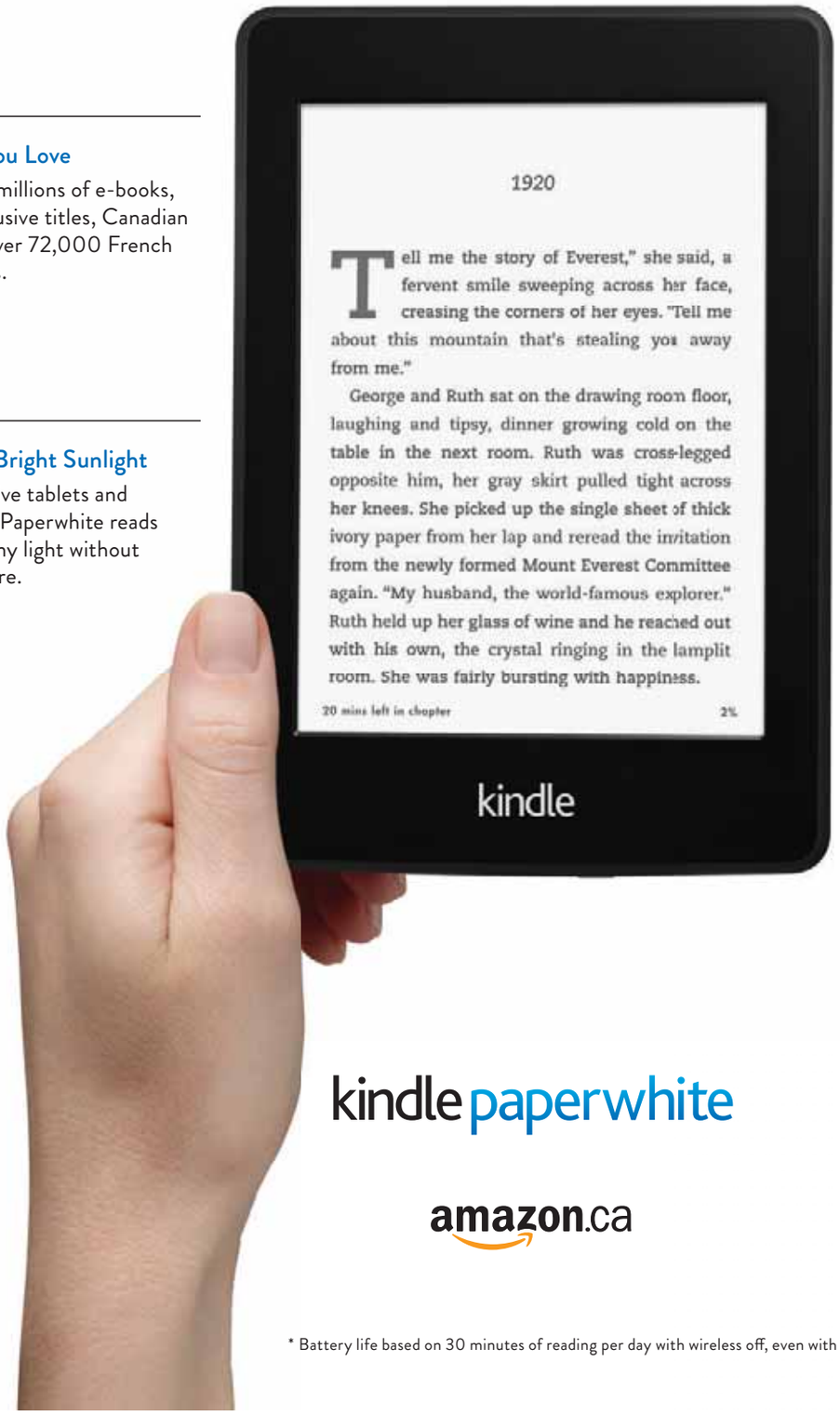

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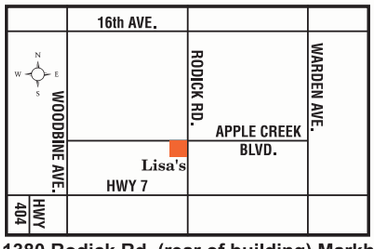

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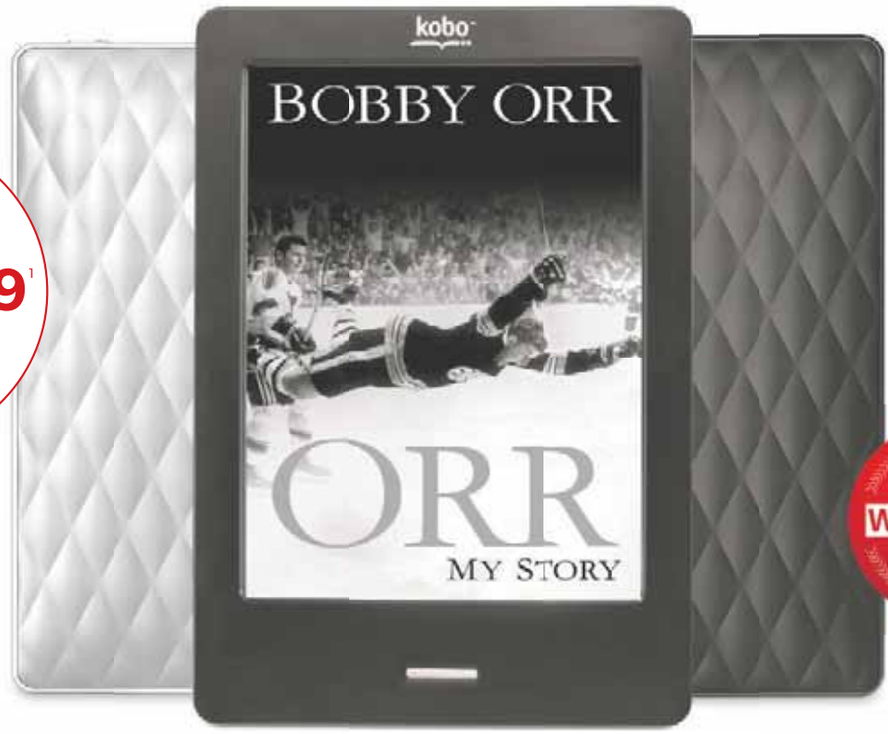

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Synopsis

The last couple of weeks have offered up the odd little treat at the movies, like an amuse-bouche to get our taste buds primed for the tastier stuff to follow in December. Not only does the 12th month give us Christmas, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve, we also get a delicious buffet of great movies. This week the Reel Guys look ahead to the 31 days that sate our appetite for great movies while feeding the voraciously hungry Oscars.

The Wolf of Wall Street, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, is one of the films to get excited for this Christmas. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

'Tis the season for great films

Ones to watch. The weather outside is frightful, so duck inside to catch one of the movies the Reel Guys are looking forward to

Richard: Mark, people complain that trailers give away too much of the story, but one upcoming movie has been releasing trailer after trailer — usually not a good sign — and has yet to reveal itself. Apparently The Wolf of Wall Street, directed by Scorsese (do I have to write his first name? I don't think so) and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey, is going to clock in at three hours, so no trailer, no matter how long or how many, can give away all the good stuff. All they have done is make me eager to see this stockbroker meltdown story. What's grabbed you?

Mark: I'm looking forward to The Wolf of Wall Street too. But I've already decided that Inside Llewyn Davis, the new Coen Bros movie about the Greenwich Village folk scene in 1961, will be my favourite movie of the year. Perhaps I should actually SEE the film before making my decision, but I know, Richard, I just know! I've been waiting for someone to make a movie like this for a long time, and who better than the Coen Bros? The trailer looks terrific and Justin Timberlake looks perfect in his orange alpaca cardigan, not that it would influence my decision in the least.

RC: Timberlake is such a conundrum for me. He's a wildly talented guy whose movies frequently don't work. My fingers are crossed that for him, Llewyn is more Social Network than Runner Runner. Saving Mr. Banks is another one I'm looking forward to. I'm a sucker for old Hollywood so the story of Walt Disney (played by Tom Hanks) wooing P.L. Travers (Emma Thompson) for the rights to Mary Poppins is up my alley. That, and I'd watch Thompson do anything — bake a chicken, read the phonebook or play an uptight spinster.

MB: Here's a guilty pleasure: Grudge Match, the story of two aging boxers facing off for the first time in 50 years. Since the boxers are played by De Niro and Stallone, it's like a dream mash-up: Raging Bull vs Rocky! I'm hoping Will Smith gets a dream sequence cameo as Ali. And let's not forget American Hustle, David O. Russell's new film about greed, lust, politics, and the Mafia. Sounds like a perfect title.

RC: Three things make me want to see American Hustle: the trailers (which are awesome), Christian Bale's beer gut and Jennifer Lawrence's extravagant hairdos.

MB: Wait! Make that De Niro's beer gut and Stallone's hairdo and it's a Grudge Match!

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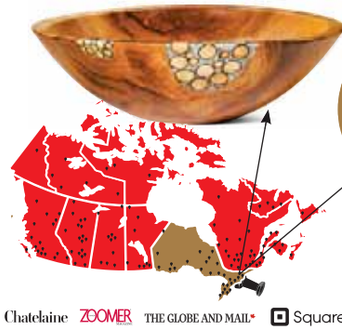

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When grandma wants an autographed photo

Out of the Furnace. Zoe Saldana's latest role has her working with some heavyweights — and her family is proud

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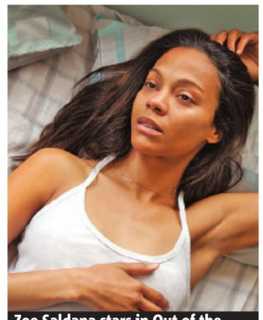
Metro World News in Hollywood

Zoe Saldana is in some pretty good company in Out of the Furnace, co-starring alongside Christian Bale, Forest Whitaker, Woody Harrelson, Casey Affleck, Willem Defoe and Sam Shepard in director Scott Cooper's follow-up to Crazy Heart.

It's quite the impressive ensemble in this. Who was already on board when you joined the cast?
Christian was already on board, Sam Shepard was already on board, then everybody else was still up in the air. But they were the names that were mentioned. Casey was almost a yes, I believe. So when I heard these names I really prayed that it was going to be everybody that joined the cast because those are actors that I've always wanted to work with.



Zoe Saldana stars in Out of the Furnace, which opens next Friday.
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Some actors can't stand watching their own films. How about you?
I only have it in me for maybe two screenings, and then after that I can't do it. ... After the third screening you just can't watch it anymore. You revisit it every two or three years when a family member forces you to sit down with them and watch it while they hold your hand. Which is what happens to me and my grandma.

You have to give them a little leeway because it's family.
Yeah. Like my poor grandma, she's been asking me to give her an autograph since I did Center Stage 15 years ago, and I'm not going to write my grandmother an autograph. That's just ridiculous. I'm not going to sign my name on a picture of myself and go, "Here, Grandma!" It's just uncomfortable.

Five VHS reels worthy of rewind

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VHS tapes fell out of fashion years ago but there are many reasons to love the old-school experience of sticking a cassette into that machine with the flashing 12:00.

You can fast forward past the legal disclaimer, the covers were cool and if you don't like the movie that came on the tape, you can record over it.

Here are five films best experienced on VHS.

The Ring

Technology may have killed off VHS but not before a cursed videotape knocked off a few of its own victims. The Ring, an American adaptation of the 1998 Japanese horror film Ringu, stars Naomi Watts as a journalist investigating the urban legend of a tape that kills viewers seven days after popping it into the VCR. "You start to play it, and it's like somebody's nightmare!" No, it's not a badly dubbed copy of Rhinestone, it's a series of surreal images from a dead girl's life. It's creepy until the last half-hour — that's when the VCR's fast forward button comes in handy.

The Toxic Avenger

Set in Tromaville, New Jersey The Toxic Avenger is the story of a 90-pound weakling who morphs into the lumpy-headed titular title character. Fighting corruption by spilling loads of fake blood, plunging hands into deep fryers and crushing a head, his methods provide unforgettable B-movie cheap thrills. That last effect — it's a melon in a wig — is a timeless VHS classic and is actually enhanced by watching it on a grainy video tape.

A History of Violence

A History of Violence makes the list because it was the last movie to be released on VHS in the golden age of video. Viggo Mortensen is Tom, a mild mannered man who must confront his violent past when local townsfolk start asking, "How come he's so good at killing people?" An unopened copy of it will set you back $10,000 on eBay, but why would you want an unopened copy of one of director David Cronenberg's best films?

The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years

One of the main benefits of VHS tape is that it always stays at the point at which you left it. Snap it off at the 20-minute mark, go back to it 20 years later and it will still be EXACTLY where you left off. In a way it's kind of like hair metal, a genre that has loudly and proudly stayed stalled in the 1980s. Fans of bands like Poison and W.A.S.P. will want to rev up a VHS of The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years, because it rocks too hard to be released on DVD.

Strike Commando

The 1980s VHS boom gave us the dreaded direct-to-video movie and produced many bad flicks, countless of which had names that closely echoed those of big theatrical hits. In the down-and-dirty world of the actionsploitation genre, for instance, Schwarzenegger's hit Commando became Strike Commando — "He's A War Machine on the Warpath!" — only without the Austrian superstar or a budget for the big action scenes. The lurid cover art is better than the movie.

Josh Gad never put his dreams on ice

Frozen. Actor was ready to give up on making it in show biz when his mother offered him some wise advice

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Josh Gad plays Olaf, the optimistic snowman in Frozen, which is playing in theatres now. CONTRIBUTED

Josh Gad, the voice of Olaf the optimistic snowman in the new Disney animated film Frozen, thanks his mom for some very well timed advice. "My mother, God bless her," he says, "allowed me to keep dreaming."

The story starts in 1993.

"I was sitting in a dark theatre watching Aladdin," he says. "Robin Williams is playing this insane genie character. I'm on the floor, as is the rest of the audience, and I looked over at my mom and said, 'I want to do that one day,' meaning, I want to be the comedic relief sidekick in one of these Disney films."

Cut to a decade later.

"I was about three years out of college and I called my mom up and said, 'I don't think I want to do this anymore.' She started crying. I said, 'I'm going to go to law school.' I thought my mother was going to celebrate that she wouldn't have to worry about me anymore. But she was really disappointed. And I said, 'Why are you disappointed?' She said, 'Because you've been dreaming about this for 15 years, but you are only allowing yourself to live out your dream for three years and I think that is unfair to yourself.' It was very startling to hear her say that."

"A week later I got my first big break on Broadway doing a show called The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. I guess it was at that time I realized I was going to be OK.

"Book of Mormon was the point at which I realized I had reached a new level. That I had made it. I wasn't a working actor anymore, I was an actor who was a part of something very special and that would allow and afford me more opportunities to do what I had dreamed of."

Those opportunities include starring in TV shows like 1600 Penn and movies like Jobs, and, of course, making his dream from 1993 come true with Frozen.

"To get that phone call, saying, you are that guy," he says, "I had to hold the phone down because I was sobbing with joy."

Olaf, his comedic sidekick snowman, already has at least one fan — Gad's young daughter.

"She was two-and-a-half when I took her to see her very first movie in a movie theatre, which was Monster's University. The teaser for Frozen, which featured just my laugh [played before the movie].

"Off of that laugh she turned to me and said, 'More dada. I want more dada.' I had to turn away from her because I was embarrassed by the tears."

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"To get that phone call, saying, you are that guy...I had to hold the phone down because I was sobbing with joy."

Josh Gad on getting the part in Frozen

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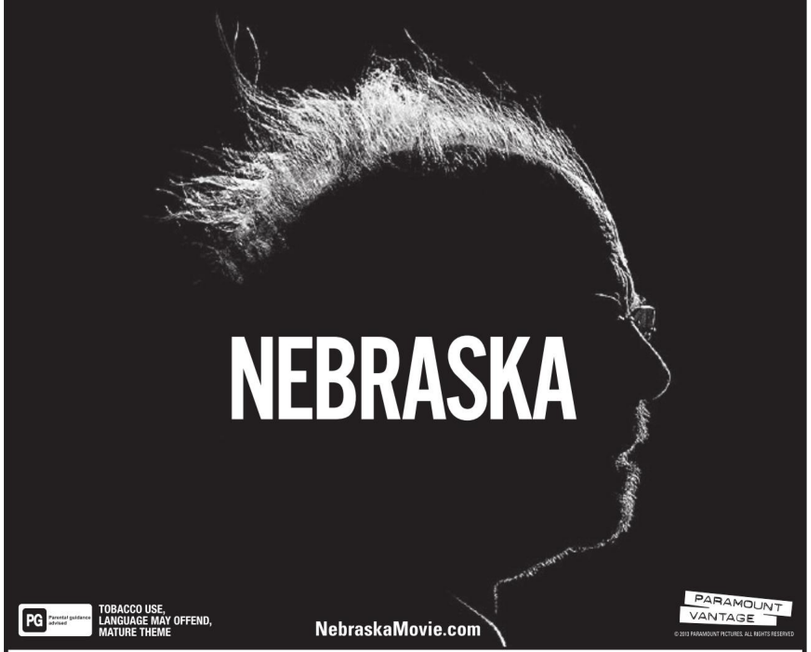

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Drama

Philomena

Director. Stephen Frears

Stars. Judi Dench, Steve Coogan

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We first meet Philomena (Dame Judy Dench) on the 50th birthday of the son she never got to know. Born out of wedlock in 1950s Ireland, her boy was whisked away from the Magdalene Laundries where they lived, and was adopted by an American couple. Her story finds its way to Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan), a jaded journalist who thinks Philomena's past is too good to be ignored. Philomena carefully treads a line between touching and humourous, building a story of heartache and loss without ever being maudlin.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Concussion

Director. Stacie Passon

Stars. Robin Weigert

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After suffering a concussion, Abby (Weigert) becomes unbearably dissatisfied with her life as a stay-at-home mother. Seeking the passion and excitement she does not find with her own wife, Abby adopts a second, secret identity: that of Eleanor, a lesbian sex worker. The film primarily focuses on Abby's new day job, but doesn't adequately address how it affects her and her family. Though there are plenty of sex scenes, there is no significant plot development. Still, Weigert's strong performance should be enough to keep audiences interested.

REGAN REID

Documentary

The Armstrong Lie

Director. Alex Gibney

Stars. Lance Armstrong, Reed Albergotti

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As filmmaker Alex Gibney has explained, The Armstrong Lie wasn't the film he intended to make. Then again, good documentaries rarely are what they seem at the outset. So it goes for the movie's subject as well — Lance Armstrong — who went from celebrated sports legend to disgraced cyclist after a doping scandal. While Armstrong is surprisingly candid about his deceptions, Gibney's film more shockingly uncovers the athlete's arrogance. If nothing else, The Armstrong Lie is a captivating character study.

STEVE GOW

Documentary

AKA Doc Pomus

Director. William Hechter, Peter Miller

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Rock docs are good at telling us about their subjects, but very few convey what they were actually like. Doc Pomus was a young Jewish kid from Brooklyn, crippled by polio, trying to make it as a blues singer. His experiences in this world went on to inform his work as one of the Brill Building's top songwriters, penning pop classics like Teenager in Love and Save the Last Dance for Me. But it was his work behind the scenes that really endears the late-songsmith. Any person who can elicit deference from noted narcissists and curmudgeons Lou Reed and Phil Spector, had to be doing something right.

IAN GORMELY

Documentary

Hawking

Director. Stephen Finnigan

Stars. Stephen Hawking

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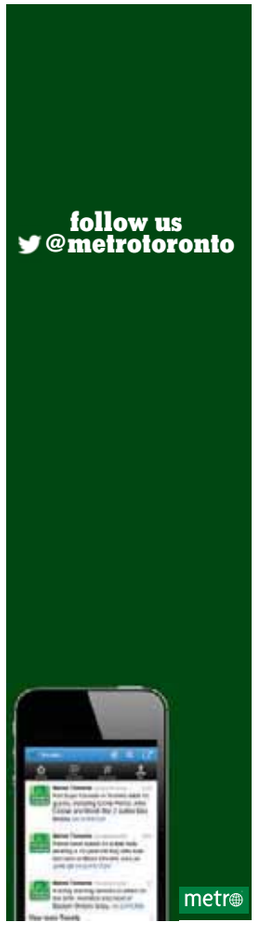
When a man has already discovered how the universe began and also been diagnosed with ALS, a life-threatening disease, before reaching 30, it is difficult to tell his whole life's story in just one 94-minute film. This is the challenge of Hawking. The documentary, which Stephen Hawking narrates and helped to write, covers every major event in the famed scientist's life — his education, diagnosis, marriage, accomplishments, etc — but only superficially. The glimpses into his world that Hawking offers us are fascinating, but the subject deserves much greater detail. **REGAN REID**



The future of cinema (starring you)

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SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

Casablanca HANSON LEATHERBY

Shawshank FUTURE CINEMA

Prometheus FOX

Ghostbusters LAURA LITTLE

The Drowned Man PUNCHDRUNK

You're walking down a dark metallic corridor, the disorienting sounds of machinery, attack alarms and soldiers in lockstep blaring from the room ahead. A minute ago, you were some hipster after work, three beers in. But now you're wearing a jumpsuit and traversing what appears to be a massive spaceship.

You see marines in zero-G gear, a decontamination room and a massive recon vehicle, 20 feet tall, surrounded by dry ice. It's like something out of Alien. No, rather, this is Alien. Or more specifically, the Alien spinoff Prometheus. And you're starring in it. Your living movie has just begun.

The above describes an event last year thrown by Secret Cinema, an arm of Future Cinema, the company that calls itself a "live cinema." It's part of a trend of immersive experiences around the world. The goal is participation, and Hollywood is listening: anything that peels you away from Netflix, and gets you to pay more, tends to do that.

"I see it as riding the edge of culture," Future Cinema founder Fabien Riggall told Wired last year. He has since declined interview requests, for fear he's revealed too much — Secret Cinema generates buzz by keeping the films themselves secret, hence the name. But we've been. After buying a ticket online ($60 and up), you're sent mysterious instructions about where to go and what costume to wear, but nothing more.

Then, after entering, you realize the abandoned office building is a living Brazil, the 1940s theatre is Rick's Café from Casablanca and the broken-down school is Shawshank Prison — you roam the spaces while drinking, playing games and being approached by actors, who might send you on missions (or devour you, if it's Prometheus). Then you finally watch the movie in situ.

Prometheus earned the company $1.1 million US, beating out the local IMAX, and had the blessing of director Ridley Scott, who introduced the film, via video, and donated props (that recon vehicle was real). The company's Shawshank Redemption experience reportedly raked in $2.7 million US. Yeah, people paid to pretend to be in jail.

Despite its cool cred, Future Cinema wasn't the first to be so bold. That honour goes to Punchdrunk, a British theatre company around since 2000. Their current productions include Sleep No More, an interactive adaptation of Macbeth, in New York, and The Drowned Man, in London, in which you wander through several warehouse floors of a noirish Los Angeles — a living, breathing, sepia-toned Grand Theft Auto, where every fairground, movie studio and bedroom has been constructed to the finest detail.

"We want to almost place the audience in an atmosphere where they're witnessing living films," says Felix Barrett, Punchdrunk's artistic director. "When we're directing it, we talk about wide shots and close-ups and we encourage each of the performers to imagine that they're heroes of their own movie." The result is a choose-your-own adventure: you could end up following the town drunk for an hour, as he gets kicked out of the local diner; or watch the narrative, an adaptation of Woyzeck, that trails from room to room — or end up at the bar, enjoying a burlesque performer and happily (or anxiously) missing the "real show."

"We want to make theatre dangerous again so that you're out of your comfort zone," Barrett says. (How dangerous? With all the dark corners, we couldn't help but ask if he's caught anyone ... you know, interacting. "Ahhhh, we've caught people red-handed," he says. "We've had people who think they're performing and the lines blur too deeply.")

What's next? Future Cinema is planning a worldwide expansion, having just attempted events in New York, London and Greece. And Barrett plans to take his fake world experience into the real one. Imagine this:

"You book a holiday. You get a date, a locker and a key for the airport and you open your locker and you find out where you're flying to. You're given one instruction — say a café to go to — and then the show has begun and it's a completely surreal world — and you don't know who is a performer and who isn't." You saw The Game. Now live it.

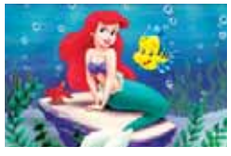
Three more live-the-movies

The zombie mall experience

Arrive at an abandoned mall in Reading, England, and — boom — the door slams shut. There's a zombie outbreak and it's up to you to stop it. Using real BB guns to shoot fake zombies, this has you living Dawn of the Dead. See zedevents.co.uk.

Second Screen Live

"Bring your iPad with you to the movie," reads a poster for Disney's re-release of The Little Mermaid. You can sing along and play games with help from the second screen. It's for film fans "open to the communal experience," and it worked well for The Nightmare Before Christmas.



The film location tour

See Amelie's apartment, The Motorcycle Diaries' motorcycle and the bookshop from Notting Hill, along with other film locations in New York, California, Italy, Peru, Scotland and Tokyo — 20 in total. The $300,000 US price tag includes round-trip airfare, hotels and guided tours. See veryfirstto.com.

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., NOV. 29 TO THURS., DEC. 5 TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
506 Bloor St.

2013 Cannes Lions Awards: The World's Best Commercials (STC) Mon 6:30
Fire in the Blood (STC) Mon 4:30
Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia (STC) Wed 6:30-9:15 Thu 6:45
Le Joli Mai (G) Sat 2:45 Tue 6
Narco Cultura (18A) Fri 3:45-8:45 Sat 6:15 Sun 6:30 Thu 9:30
The Rocky Horror Picture Show (STC) Fri 11:30
The Summit (PG) Tue 9:15 Wed 3:30
Tokyo Waka (STC) Fri 6:15 Sat 12-9 Sun 12 Mon 9:30
Toronto Serbian Film Festival (STC) Mon 9
When Jews Were Funny (14A) Sun 2:30

Carlton, 20 Carlton St.

About Time (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-6:45
All Is Lost (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-6:40
Blood in the Snow (STC) Fri 7 Sat 4 Sun 2
Blue Is the Warmest Color (R) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:45-8:25
Concussion (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15
Delivery Man (PG) No Passes Fri 1:35-4:05-7-9:35 No Passes Sat 1:35-4:05-7-9:35-11:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:35-4:05-7-9:35
Enough Said (PG) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:10-9:25 Thu 1:15-4:15-9:25
Homefront (14A) Fri 1:30-3:55-6:50-9:10 Sat 1:30-3:55-6:50-9:10-11:25 Sun-Thu 1:30-3:55-6:50-9:10
Kill Your Darlings (14A) Fri 4:10-9:30 Sat 4:10-9:30-11:20 Sun-Thu 4:10-9:30
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:55
Looking Is the Original Sin (STC) Fri-Thu 4:05-9:20
Short Term 12 (14A) Fri 1:50-4 Sat 1:50 Sun 9:30 Mon 1:50-4 Tue-Thu 1:50-4-7:05-9:15
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:20 Sat 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:20-11:15 Sun-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:45-9:20
Toronto Film Society (STC) Mon 7
Waiting for Summer (STC) Thu 7

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond St.

Don Jon (18A) Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:20-8:40-11 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:20-8:40-10:50
Homefront (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:20-5:45-8:25-11 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:20-5:45-8:20-10:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-1:55-2:40-3:10-4:45-5:15-6-6:30-8:10-8:50-9:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:30-2-2:40-3:10-4:45-5:15-6-6:30-8:10-8:50-9:20-9:50 No Passes Wed 1:30-2-2:40-3:10-4:45-5:15-6-8:10-8:50-9:20-9:50 No Passes Thu 2-2:40-3:10-5:15-6-8:50-9:20-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:30-10:40
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire — The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-3:40-7-10:15 No Passes Sun 12:20-3:40-7-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:30-3:40-7-10:10
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The Metropolitan Opera: The Nose - Encore (STC) Sat 12
Nebraska (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:40-9:30
Oldboy (18A) Fri 1:40-2:30-4:30-5:05-7:15-7:50-10-10:30 Sat 12-1:40-2:30-4:30-5:05-7:15-7:50-10-10:30 Sun 1:40-2:30-4:30-5:05-7:15-7:45-10-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-2:30-4:30-5:05-7:10-7:45-10-10:15
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:40
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:45 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:30

Market Square
80 Front St.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Sat 12:35-3:20-6:30-9:25 Sun-Mon 3:20-9:25 Tue 12:35-3:20-6:30-9:25 Wed 3:20-9:25 Thu 12:35-3:20-6:30-9:25 Sun-Mon 12:35-6:30 Wed 12:35-6:30
Delivery Man (PG) No Passes Fri 1-3:25-6:55-9:20 No Passes Sat 1-3:25-6:55-9:20-11:40 No Passes Sun-Mon 1-3:25-6:55-9:20 No Passes Tue 1-3:25-6:55-9:20-11:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-3:25-6:55-9:20
Despicable Me 2 (G) Sun 11
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:05-7:10-9:30
Homefront (14A) Fri 12:45-3:15-7-9:15 Sat 12:45-3:15-7-9:15-11:25 Sun-Mon 12:45-3:15-7-9:15 Tue 12:45-3:15-7-9:15-11:25 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:15-7-9:15
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Revue Cinema
400 Roncesvalles Ave.

Enough Said (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4-7
Planes 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 2
Prisoners (14A) Fri-Sun 9

The Royal
608 College St.

Call Theatre For Showtimes (STC) Mon Wed-Thu
Toronto Serbian Film Festival (STC) Fri 9 Sat 5-9 Sun 6:30
We Are Here (STC) Tue 7

Varsity
55 Bloor St. W.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4-7:10-10:20 Sun-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-10:05
The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:50-7-10:10 Sun 4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Tue 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:10 Wed-Thu 1-7:20-10:10
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55 Fri-Sat 12:35-3:35-6:15-9 Sun-Tue 1:10-3:55-6:35-9:15 Wed 1:10-3:55-6:35 Thu 1:10-3:55-6:35-9:15
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-2:35-5-7:20-9:40 Sun-Mon 2:25-4:40-6:55-9:10 Tue 4:40-6:55-9:10 Wed-Thu 2:25-4:40-6:55-9:10
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Philomena (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Sun-Thu 2-4:25-7:05-9:45 Fri-Sat 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:15 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:05-6:25-9 Wed 1:30-4:05-6:25-9:15 Thu 1:30-4:05-6:25-9
Pipes & Sticks on Route 66 (PG) Sun 12:30

Canada Square
2200 Yonge St.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-7
About Time (14A) Fri-Sun 4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:15-7
All Is Lost (PG) Fri 3:45-6:10-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:40-6:10-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:30
The Armstrong Lie (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50
Enough Said (PG) Fri 4:20-6:30-8:50 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:20-6:30-8:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:40
Free Birds (G) Sat-Sun 2
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:20-4:40-7:10-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:10
Homefront (14A) Fri 4-6:20-8:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4-6:20-8:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:20
Last Vegas (PG) Fri 4:30-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15

Mt. Pleasant Theatre
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Blue Jasmine (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 7 Tue 7
Lee Daniels' The Butler (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat 6:45 Sun 4:10 Wed-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

Regent Theatre
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Hannah Arendt (PG) Fri 7 Sat 9:05 Sun 4:30 Wed 7
Muscle Shoals (PG) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 7 Tue 7 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St.

The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:50-10:05 Mon 12:50-3:50-6:50-10:05 Tue 12:45-3:50-6:50-10:05 Wed 3:50-6:50-10:05 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 1:10
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:20-2:55-5:35-8:10-10:45 Sun 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:45 Mon 1:20-4:10-7:20-10 Tue 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:45 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:20-10
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Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Sat

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Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:40-7:40-10:40 Mon 4:40-7:30-10:30 Tue 4:40-7:40-10:40 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:30

Yonge & Dundas 24
10 Dundas St East

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:25-7:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30
A.K.A. Doc Pomus (STC) Fri 2-7:30-9:45 Sat 12:55-3:30-6:50 Sun 7-9:30 Mon 2-4:15-9:30 Tue 2-4:15-7 Wed 2-7-9:30 Thu 2-9:55
About Time (14A) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:15
The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Wed 1:35-4:35-7:30-10:20 Thu 7:30-10:20
Black Nativity (G) No Passes Fri 2:25-4:45-7-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-4:45-7-9:35 No Passes Mon-Wed 2:25-4:45-7-9:35 No Passes Thu 2:25-4:45-7-10
The Book Thief (PG) Fri 3:55-6:55-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-10:05 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:55-10:05 Thu 6:55-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
Bullett Raja (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:35-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:35-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:35-9:45
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:45-9:45 Mon-Wed 4-7:05-10:10 Thu 4-10:10
CBGB (14A) Fri 4:45 Sat 9:30 Sun 4 Mon 7 Tue 9:30 Wed 4:15
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri 1:40 Sun 11:55 Mon-Thu 1:40
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20
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Die Hard (14A) Thu 4-7
Empire of Dirt (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40
Ender's Game (PG) Fri 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:35
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Gori Tere Pyaar Mein (PG) Fri 3:20-6:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:25-6:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:55
Gravity: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:15-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:35-4:55-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:15-10:10
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri 3:10-5:45-8:05-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:10-5:45-8:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 8:05-10:25
Philomena (PG) Fri 2:30-5-7:35-10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-5-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:35-10
Pipes & Sticks on Route 66 (PG) Sun 12:30
Ram-Leela (PG) Fri 3:05-6:40-10 Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 6:40-10

TIFF Bell Lightbox
350 King St. West

Beyond the Forest (PG) Fri 6:30
Blood Simple (14A) Sun 4:30
Blue Is the Warmest Color (R) Fri 12-3:30-7:05-9:30 Sat 12-3:35-7:05-9:30 Sun 12:05-3:45-7:20-9:30 Mon 6:30-8:30 Tue 12-3:30-7:05-9:30 Wed 12:30-3:30-7:05-9:30 Thu 12-3:30-7:05-9:30
The Brood (R) Sun 1:30
Dangerous (PG) Tue 6:30
The Great Lie (PG) Sat 4:15
Hawking (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-7:15 Mon 7:15 Tue-Thu 2:30-7:15
M. Butterfly (14A) Sun 7
Miller's Crossing (R) Fri 9
No Country for Old Men (14A) Sat 7
O Brother, Where Art Thou? (PG) Tue 8:45
Raising Arizona (PG) Thu 8:45
Short Term 12 (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-3-8:30 Sun 12:10-8:30 Mon 7 Tue 12:10-3-8:30 Wed-Thu 12:10-4:30-8:30
Slither (18A) Sat 10
Spider (14A) Sat 1:45
Two Hundred Fifty Six Colors (PG) Thu 6:30
Watermark (G) Fri 1-2:35-4:45-6:20 Sat 12:20-4:45-6:20 Sun 1:35-5-6:20-9:15 Mon 6-9:35 Tue 1-5 Wed 1-2:35-4:45-6:20 Thu 12:25-1-4:45-6:20

Albion Cinemas
1530 Albion Rd.

Bhaji in Problem (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 2:50 Mon-Thu 6:45
Bullett Raja (PG) Fri 3:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-6:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-9:30
Gori Tere Pyaar Mein (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 3:15 Mon-Thu 6:30
Ram-Leela (PG) Fri 3:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-6:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-9:30

Queensway
1025 The Queensway

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40 Sun 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:45
The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 9:05
The Book Thief (PG) Fri 12:40-3:35-6:40-9:45 Sat 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:45 Sun 12:40-3:35-6:40-9:45 Mon-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Wed 4-7:15-10:15 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri 12-2:35-5:25-8:10-10:50 Sat 11:45-2:35-5:25-8:10-10:55 Sun 2:35-5:25-8:10-10:50 Mon-Wed 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:35 Thu 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:30
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:10-9:50 Sat 11:20-1:55-4:35-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:55-4:35-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:50-9:25
Die Hard (14A) Thu 7
Free Birds (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-5:50 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:25-5:50
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 12-1:30-4:10-6:50 No Passes Sat 11:05-11:55-1:35-4:10-6:50 No Passes Sun 11:55-1:30-4:10-6:50 No Passes Mon-Tue 1-2-3:40-6:25 No Passes Wed 2-3:40-6:25 No Passes Thu 1-2-3:40-6:25 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:55 Sat 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:55 Sun 4:45-7:25-9:55 Mon-Wed 12:55-3:20-5:40-8-10:25 Thu 12:55-3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Homefront (14A) Fri 12:35-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:45 Sat 12:15-3:05-5:40-8:15-10:50 Sun 11:45-1:20-4-7:55-10:40 Mon-Wed 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Thu 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:15
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Sat 11
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri 12:25-2:10-3:40-5:35-7-9-10:20 No Passes Sat 11-12:20-2:15-3:40-5:35-7-9-10:20 No Passes Sun 12:20-2:15-3:40-5:35-7-9-10:20 No Passes Mon 1:05-2:50-6:10-8:30-9:30 No Passes Tue 1:40-2:50-5-6:10-8:15-9:30 No Passes Wed 1:05-2:50-6:10-8:30-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:45-3:15-5-8:15-9:30 No Passes Fri 1-4:20-7:40-10:55 No Passes Sat 1-4:20-7:40-11 No Passes Sun 1-4:20-7:40-10:55 No Passes Mon-Wed 12:35-3:50-7:10-10:30 No Passes Thu 12:35-3:50-7:10-10:25
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 8:05-10:35
The Metropolitan Opera: The Nose - Encore (STC) Sat 12
Oldboy (18A) Fri 12:05-2:40-5:20-8-10:35 Sat 12:05-2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Sun 12:10-2:40-5:20-8-10:35 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Thu 1:10-3:55-6:45-10:10
Philomena (PG) Fri 12-2:20-5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:45-7:20-9:40
Pipes & Sticks on Route 66 (PG) Sun 12:30
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri 1:40 Sat 11:05-1:45 Sun 1:40 Mon-Thu 1:20
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:10-7-9:50 Thu 4:10-6:55-9:50

Woodbine Centre
500 Rexdale Blvd.

The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Thu 6:35-9:20
Black Nativity (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7:10-9:30
Delivery Man (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:35
Free Birds (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7-9:25
Homefront (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Rise of the Guardians (G) Sat 11
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:15

Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West

Blue Jasmine (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10
Ender's Game (PG) Sat-Sun 12
Enough Said (PG) Fri-Thu 7:45
If I Were You (STC) Fri-Thu 7:15
Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25

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Lee Daniels' The Butler (14A) Fri 12 Mon-Thu 12
Muscle Shoals (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-9:15
Rush (14A) Fri-Thu 4
Short Term 12 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10
Wadjda (PG) Fri-Thu 5:30
When Jews Were Funny (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:05

Humber Cinema
2:2442 Bloor St. West

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:40 Sat-Tue 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:40 Wed-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:40
Frozen (G) Fri 4-7-9:20 Sat-Tue 1:30-4-7-9:20 Wed-Thu 4-7-9:20
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:50 Sat-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:50 Wed-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:50

Beach Cinemas
1651 Queen St. E.

Delivery Man (PG) Fri 4-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
Frozen (G) No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 3:50-6:30-8:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-4:15-7-7:30-10:10-10:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-1-3:45-4:15-7-7:30-10:10-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-8-10:10
Philomena (PG) Fri 4:40-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:40-6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-10

Fox Theatre
2236 Queen St. E.

All Is Lost (PG) Fri-Sun 7
Captain Phillips (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat-Sun 4-9
Planes 3D (STC) Sat-Sun 2

Empress Walk
5095 Yonge St.

12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 4:15-7:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-10
The Book Thief (PG) Fri 3:35-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:50
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 5:20-8-10:35 Sat-Sun 2:40-5:20-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10:05
Frozen (G) No Passes Sat-Sun 12
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 5:15-7:50-10:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:35-5:15-7:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:35
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 5:25-7:45-10:15 Sun 2:55-5:25-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:30-9:45
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3-6:20-9:40
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire — The IMAX Experience (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:30-10:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-4:10-7:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-7-10:20
The Metropolitan Opera: The Nose - Encore (STC) Sat 12
Oldboy (18A) Fri 5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat-Sun 2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-9:55
Philomena (PG) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:20
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Sat-Sun 1:50
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:45-7:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:10

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The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:10 Tue 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-10:10
Black Nativity (G) No Passes Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 No Passes Sat 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 1:40-4:25-7:05-10 Sat 11:05-1:40-4:25-7:05-10 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:05-10
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 12:30 No Passes Sat 10-12:45 No Passes Sun 12:10-1 No Passes Mon 1 No Passes Tue 12:10-1 No Passes Wed-Thu 1
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:40-9:20 No Passes Sat 3:35-6:45-9:35 No Passes Sun 3:50-6:40-9:30 No Passes Mon 3:50-6:40-9:15 No Passes Tue 3:50-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 3:50-6:40-9:15
Homefront (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25 Mon 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:05 Tue 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:25 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Sat 11
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri 12:15-2-3:30-6:20-6:50-9:45-10:15 No Passes Sat 11:45-12:15-3-3:30-6:20-6:50-9:45-10:15 No Passes Sun 12-2:55-3:15-6:20-6:35-9:45-10 No Passes Mon 1:30-3-4:50-6:15-8:10-9:30 No Passes Tue 12-2:55-3:15-6:20-6:35-9:45-10 No Passes Wed 1-3-6:15-8:10-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-3-4:50-6:15-8:10-9:30 No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4:15-7:30-10:45 No Passes Sun 12:45-4-7:15-10:30 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:45-7-10:15 No Passes Tue 12:45-4-7:15-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:45-7-10:15
Oldboy (18A) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:15-9:55 Sun 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:15 Mon 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Tue 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:15 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri 1:50 Sat 11:10 Sun-Thu 1:15
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri 4:45-7:40-10:35 Sat 1:50-4:45-7:40-10:35 Sun-Tue 4:10-7:10-10:10 Wed 3:50-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:15-10:10 Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10

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1800 Sheppard Ace. E

The Book Thief (PG) Fri 12:50-4-7-9:55 Sat 1-4-7-9:55 Sun 12:15-4-7-9:55 Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue 12:50-4-7-10:55 Wed 1:05-4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7-10
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Mon 2-4:50-7:20-9:55 Tue 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 2-4:50-7:20-9:55
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 2:20 No Passes Sat 11:10-12:20 No Passes Sun 12:10 No Passes Mon 1:20 No Passes Tue 12:20-2:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 5:05-7:50-10:25 No Passes Sat 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:50-10:25 No Passes Sun 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 No Passes Mon 4:10-6:55-9:45 No Passes Tue 5:05-7:50-10:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:45
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri 12:40-3:10-5:30-8-10:20 Sat-Sun 3:10-5:30-8-10:20 Mon 2:20-5:10-7:30-10:05 Tue 11:55-3:10-5:30-8-10:20 Wed-Thu 2:20-5:10-7:30-10:05
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Sat 11
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-2:40-3:20-3:50-6-6:40-7:10-9:15-10-10:30 No Passes Sat 11:20-12-12:30-2:40-3:20-3:50-6-6:40-7:10-9:15-10-10:30 No Passes Sun 12-12:30-2:40-3:20-3:50-6-6:40-7:10-9:15-10-10:25 No Passes Mon 1:10-1:50-2:30-4:20-5-6:30-7:40-8:20-9:50 No Passes Tue 12-12:30-2:40-3:20-3:50-6-6:40-7:10-9:15-10-10:30 No Passes Wed 1:50-2:30-4:20-5-6:30-7:40-8:20-9:50 No Passes Thu 1:10-1:50-2:30-4:20-5-6:30-7:40-8:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Philomena (PG) Fri 2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon 2:10-4:40-7:05-9:40 Tue 12:10-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed 4:40-7:05-9:40 Thu 2:10-4:40-7:05-9:40
Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Pipes & Sticks on Route 66 (PG) Sun 12:30
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:30-7:20-10:15 Mon 4:30-7:15-10:10 Tue 4:30-7:20-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:15-10:10

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e Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 1-4:05-7:05-10:05
Black Nativity (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:45
Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:20-7:15-10
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 12 No Passes Sat 11:25 No Passes Sun 12 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:25
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 2:35-5:15-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sat 2:10-5-7:45-10:30 No Passes Sun 2:35-5:15-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:50
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:25-6:55-9:30
Homefront (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-5:45-8:20-10:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:25-10:10
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Sat 11
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-12:30-3:15-3:45-6:30-7-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:30-3:10-5:50-6:30-9:15-9:55 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:15-7:30-10:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:30
Naveena Saraswathi Sabatham (STC) Fri-Thu 3:20-6:45-10:15
Oldboy (18A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:05-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:25
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45 Mon-Thu 12:55
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:55-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35

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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri-Sat 4:15-7:25-10:40 Sun 3:30-6:40-10 Mon-Wed 3:25-6:35-9:45 Thu 3:25-9:45
The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:45
The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:50-7-10:15 Sun 12:40-3:50-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:15-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Bullett Raja (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:35-10:55 No Passes Sun 12:45-4-7:15-10:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:50-10:15
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri 1:40 Sat 11:15-1:40 Sun 1
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:10-4-6:45-9:40 Mon-Wed 4:50-7:30-10:15 Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:15
Die Hard (14A) Thu 7
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 1:40-4:30-7:15 No Passes Sat 11-1:40-4:30-7:15 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:15-7 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:45-6:40 No Passes Thu 1:05-3:45-6:40
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50 No Passes Sat 11:50-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50 No Passes Sun 11:45-2:25-5:10-7:55-10:35 No Passes Mon-Wed 4:30-7:25-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:10
Gori Tere Pyaar Mein (PG) Fri-Sat 3-6:30-9:50 Sun 12:15-3:40-7:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:10-8:40
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Sat 11:10-1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Sun 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20 Mon-Wed 4:25-7-9:25 Thu 1:50-4:25-7-9:25
Homefront (14A) Fri 12:40-3:10-5:45-8:20-10:55 Sat 12:30-3:10-5:45-8:20-10:55 Sun 12:25-3-5:35-8:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Sat 11
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sat 12-3:20-6:40-10 No Passes Sun 11:50-3:10-6:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 5-8:30 No Passes Thu 1:40-5-8:30

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire. CONTRIBUTED

No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4:20-7:40-11 No Passes Sun 1:30-5-8:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:30
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Sun 9:55 Mon-Thu 9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: The Nose - Encore (STC) Sat 12
Philomena (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:20-10 Thu 2:10-4:40-7:20-10
Ram-Leela (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-3:35-7:05-10:35 Sun 12-3:25-6:55-10:25 Mon-Wed 5:15-9 Thu 1:30-5:15-9
Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Sun 2:05
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 5-7:55-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40

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785 Milner Ave.

The Best Man Holiday (14A) Fri 4:10-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7-9:55 Mon 5:25-8:20 Tue 4:10-7-9:55 Wed-Thu 5:25-8:20
Black Nativity (G) No Passes Fri 4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Sat 12-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Sun 2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Mon 5:50-8:05 No Passes Tue 4:55-7:20-9:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:50-8:05
Delivery Man (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:05 Sat 11:25-2-4:30-7:30-10:05 Sun 2-4:30-7:30-10 Mon 5:10-7:50 Tue 4:30-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 5:10-7:50
Free Birds (G) Sat 11:10-1:20 Sun 1:20 Mon 5:15 Wed-Thu 5:15
Frozen (G) No Passes Fri 4:20-6:55 No Passes Sat 11:05-1:30-4:20-6:55 No Passes Sun 1:30-4:20-6:55 No Passes Mon 5:05 No Passes Tue 4:20-6:55 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:05
Frozen 3D (G) No Passes Fri 5:15-7:50-10:25 No Passes Sat 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 No Passes Sun 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:15 No Passes Mon 5:40-8:15 No Passes Tue 5:15-7:50-10:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:40-8:15
Gravity 3D (PG) Fri 5:45-8:10-10:30 Sat 3:30-5:45-8:10-10:30 Sun 3:30-5:45-7:55-10:10 Mon 6-8:30 Tue 5:45-8:10-10:30 Wed-Thu 6-8:30
Homefront (14A) Fri 5:30-8-10:30 Sat 11:15-3-5:30-8-10:30 Sun 2:15-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon 5:30-8 Tue 5:30-8-10:30 Wed-Thu 5:30-8
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Far from Broken, a musical affair continues

Interview. Brian Burton and James Mercer are back with a falsetto-filled second album After the Disco

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

The band Broken Bells is the guilty pleasure of super-producer Brian Burton, a.k.a. Danger Mouse (one-half of Gnarls Barkley), and James Mercer, lead singer of avant-garde indie four-piece The Shins. Ironically, the Bells is where Mercer and Burton go for their R & R away from the industry. But rather than coming back with flawless skin, the U.S.-based artists have produced an experimental collection of genre-busting tracks.

"The record reflects the hangover or comedown after the party," says Danger Mouse of their second album After the Disco, due out Jan. 14.

Metro sat down with the duo in an East London hotel to chat the bizarre Bee Gees sound, psychedelic experiences and why the band is a pressure-free passion.

How long did it take you to put this record together?
Brian Burton: Overall, this record took eight weeks.
James Mercer: It's crazy, man. Halfway through I was thinking "It's kind of done." We had a record — I was shocked.

The band Broken Bells are back for more. CONTRIBUTED

James, you said in an interview: "We need to do another record, for sure. It's fun. I think (Danger Mouse) enjoys it, too. It's like a vacation — although I don't want my wife to know that!" Does it feel like an affair of sorts?
Mercer: (Laughs) Like a musical affair or something — you get to run off. The thing that's cool about it is that we share the burden of all the creative parts. There's nowhere near the pressure that I feel doing something like The Shins or like Brian would feel doing a record on his own. It feels like I'm not working; it's not this laborious, tedious thing, so you do sort of feel guilty in a way.

You're both independently successful, so is this partnership more about the music (a kind of vanity project) than about commercial success?
Burton: We genuinely want to make the best s—t we can possibly make — there is ambition involved. We want to do something that's new and different and that could be really successful. I want this to be the most successful thing that I've been a part of. It just happens to be something that's not as torturous.

I'm not the only one to point out that there's a bit of a Bee Gees feel to the latest release. Were they an influence?
Mercer: It is kind of coincidental. We saw it too. I was in the vocal booth just tracking and doing a falsetto and that's what came out. I was doing track after track when I came into the control room and heard it played back with all those layers — that's the Bee Gees and that's how they did it.

Will you be getting the tight white suits out?
Mercer: (Laughs) I need a feathered wig. I can't grow the hair.

The video is kind of psychedelic and a bit trippy. Were you drinking mushroom tea at the time of making the video?
Mercer: (Laughs) We love psychedelic music and I'm not sure whether it's because I've taken psychedelic drugs or not. Maybe it's just coincidental.
Burton: Psychedelic music is just experimental with melodies. It hooks you in with things you can repeat or sing.

A big deal

Is this a concerted effort to make Broken Bells more of a big deal?

- Mercer: "We want to have a bigger sort of show. We want to have something impressive happening and we'll see how it works. It'll depend on whether people are loving the record and how big the record gets dictates how much we're willing to put in."

Video not killing Kodaline's radio star

Global exposure. With their debut album out, the Irish indie rockers say their music getting used on TV shows is not selling out — it's a way to reach new fans

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

For a while during the economic slump, the richest export leaving Ireland was Guinness. Jeez, even U2's Bono has been busking (for charity, apparently). It's easy to mock but he's minted — and it's a recession-proof ruse that's been proving profitable popularity-wise for Dublin rock band Kodaline.

As an unsigned group Give Me a Minute topped the Irish singles chart; the track All I Want from their debut album In a Perfect World has over five million hits on YouTube — and the indie/folk four-piece is getting some airtime on TV shows like Grey's Anatomy. Selling out?

No, it worked pretty damn well for the likes of bands M83 and MGMT (music featured in adverts) and it's gaining the 20-somethings some much-deserved exposure on a global scale. Anthemic like Coldplay and melancholy like fellow countrymen The Script, Kodaline are a band for the weepers: their tunes befit those lonely train journeys of emotional, romantic self-reflection. Sitting down with Metro, the boys chat music getting commercial, failed romances (obviously) and the dating app Tinder.

There are some great indie folk bands coming out of Ireland like you and Little Green Cars. How do you think you fit in amongst the popular music landscape?

Steve Garrigan (vocals): We never really think about it. It's like eight to 80 at our shows. We don't really know who our fans are (laughs).
Jay Boland (bass): It's very hard hearing ourselves in the pop context because we're not listening to Radio 1 — we're still listening to our collections.

It's fair to say that In a Perfect World is a sad record. Do you see yourselves writing a chirpier album?
Mark Prendergast (lead guitar): I can't see us writing a bright album.

Are you all permanently melancholy?
Prendergast: Depressed, I think is the word (laughs).
Garrigan: I don't think any of our songs are depressing — they're sad but they're uplifting.

Would you ever consider doing something more pop-y — a kind of guaranteed hit?
Prendergast: No, absolutely not. If we were promised a number-one hit in America with a song we didn't believe in, we'd say "No."

You've been played on television shows like Grey's Anatomy, Mob Wives and Modern Family. How do you feel about being commercialized in this way?
Garrigan: I remember buying the CD of Grey's Anatomy a couple of years ago because I like the music. It's kind of like what happened with Phantom Planet's track California and (teen drama) The O.C. — it's a great way for fans to be introduced to new music.
Vinny May (drums): It's like Shazam. People don't realize but you subconsciously take in the song.

What do you think of manufactured boy bands — One Direction, for instance?
Garrigan: We're not fans of boy bands.

Is fame and money important to you?
Prendergast: (mockingly quips) Fame is the most important thing to us. We just want to be famous.
Garrigan: Commercial success is important to us. We're ambitious. The ideal situation would be to do as many albums as we can and tour for the rest of our lives, but it's such a fickle industry.

You're proving to be a hit in the U.S. Do you use your Irish charm on the girls?
Garrigan: They're just great. L.A. girls are just incredible. Is it because they sound like they're on a porn channel? (All laugh).
Steve, you had a messy breakup with your girlfriend. Has she got in back in touch now that you're a little bit famous?
Garrigan: Yeah, she did.

Fickle. Would you take her back?
Garrigan: No. I haven't talked to her in four years.
So you're single now. Have you considered Tinder? (All laugh)
Garrigan: I've got it. When you're travelling, it's unbelievable. You go to a city and you can see who's around.

It's good for a quick shag?
Garrigan: It's just ridiculous. You learn about yourself.

Lead singer of Kodaline Steve Garrigan. GETTY IMAGE

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The 11 men who played the Doctor, from left, William Hartnell, Patrick Troughton, Jon Pertwee, Tom Baker, Peter Davison, Colin Baker, Sylvester McCoy, Paul McGann, Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant and Matt Smith. Doctor Who is turning 50 and U.K. broadcaster BBC is throwing a broadcasting blowout for the sci-fi show. HANDOUT

Huge Christmas surprise in store for Doctor Who fans

Regeneration riddle. Something 'Whovians' have talked about for years will be tackled head-on this festive season

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Last Saturday the 50th anniversary special episode of Doctor Who aired worldwide, and fans were enthralled to see something that's rarely happened in the show's mythology: Multiple incarnations of the Doctor working together (plus some slimy aliens trying to take over the planet, but ho-hum to that). This year's Christmas special promises to be even more shocking.

SPOILERS for said Christmas special lie ahead. See, it's a major tenet of Who mythology that the Doctor can only regenerate 12 times. Matt Smith's Doctor, who the audience thought was No. 11, has totted it up and realized he's actually the 13th, and last, incarnation. So, how does he manage to regenerate into The Thick of It star Peter Capaldi? Don't worry, Doctor Who has no plans to gloss over this very important problem.

"The riddle of the regeneration problem, something fans have talked about for decades, will be faced head-on at Christmas," a source close to the Doctor Who production team told the Daily Mirror. "There is going to be another huge cliffhanger, and somehow Peter Capaldi has to join and the series has to continue."

The source added, "The show's big fans, known as Whovians, won't believe their eyes at Christmas."

It's still a sci-fi show that uses a magic police box to travel through time and space, right? I think my eyes will probably be fine. They are pretty used to CGI and abrupt rewriting of sci-fi backstory.

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The future of clubbing

Ministry of Sound, where the event we went to was held. RYAN DINHAM

Tomorrow's night life? Customized clubbing provides the ultimate experience: Swipe a microchip, and you get access to anything, because it knows who you are. Fun, or creepy? Our reporter tried it out.

Customized clubbing — it sounds ideal, doesn't it? With your microchipped wristband you can control the music you listen to, the bartender remembers what you're having without you having to shout over the (well-selected, by you) tunes and you receive an email the next day with photos of you enjoying your personalized experience. We tried this out for ourselves to see if it really is the recipe for the perfect night out.

Name check

On entering the club, we were greeted by staff with iPads — no need to check your name off the guest list, no queueing in the rain; one swipe of your wristband and you're welcomed in by your first name. The VIP treatment continued when we checked our coats in — no pesky ticket to look after as it's all recorded on the little microchip.

Drinks

As you are entered into a competition every time you order a drink and swipe your chip, we had plenty of incentive to return to the bar — the only downside being that everyone else had the same idea …

Song selection

When signing up for the night, along with our details we were also asked to submit our song of choice and Twitter handle. Throughout the night these were played — with a bit of recognition for our (excellent) taste on big screens in the club. A brilliant idea, unless the other partygoers are more into their Slipknot than their dance music, or worse — you are the one that chose Slipknot and your fellow clubbers are not fans — nothing worse than being named and shamed for bad taste.

Photos

Using our microchips to activate the photo booths positioned throughout the club, we were able to record the evening without worrying about our phone batteries dying from overuse. A great source of entertainment for all involved — especially as the photos were displayed on the big screens for all to enjoy/cringe at.

Next day

The next morning, struggling through a hungover day at our desks, we were treated to an email which linked to an overview of our night. Excitedly, we clicked on the link to peruse our photos and reminisce about the night before. The idea itself is great, however nothing enrages a hangover more than a log of the ill-advised 2 a.m. shot purchase, or being reminded of the fact that you checked into the karaoke booth directly afterwards to perform a rendition of Lady in Red.

CARLY MOUNTFORD

iFADS

The new tech of eating out

The iTable

Oriental fusion restaurant Inamo was among the first in the world to introduce innovative e-tables to their branches. You place orders via your interactive table — scroll through the touch sensitive menu — or play games. Hey, you sunk my battleship!

The iOrder

It was only a matter of time: On entering Grillshack in London's Soho, you are asked to download their app and given instructions on how to place your order, pay via PayPal, make your own tea from filling stations and pick up your order (once you receive the notification that it's ready to eat) from a serving hatch. Faceless service at its most modern.

The iBeer

Ever played on a quiz machine in your local bar and wished that you could buy a drink right there? The Last Barfighter has gone one further. Every time you defeat your opponent, in the Street Fighter-like game, the machine dispenses beer that has been freshly brewed inside the console. Talk about a "power up."

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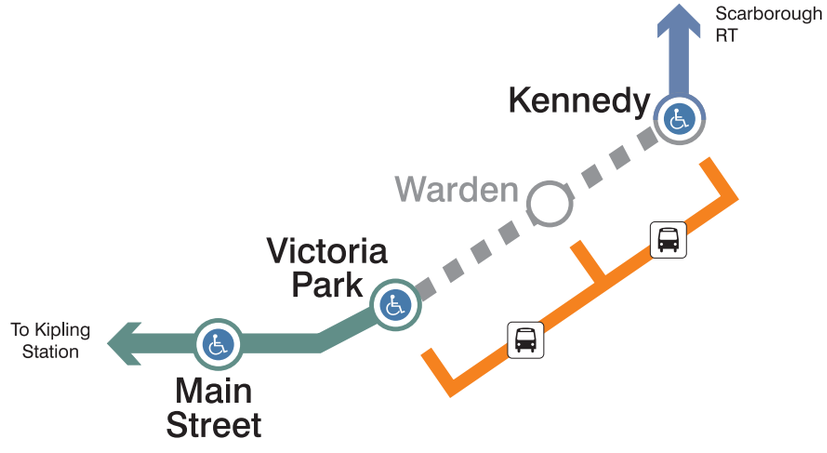

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The future of parties

The top six trends now popping up — in one case, literally

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Movie + hot tub

"Hot Tub Cinema is unique — we combine delightfully warm hot-tubs, amazing venues and favourite films on the big screen," says Asher Charman, founder of the British event. He screens films like The Goonies while you sit and simmer. "Hot tubs by their nature are decadent, relaxing and fun. We provide tub-side table service so our guests have the chance to experience the films with drink in hand." Although initially a strange concept, after a couple of the aforementioned drinks in hand you almost forget that you are surrounded by strangers in your swimwear..

Do the wigwam

What to do with that beautiful, oh-so-popular roof garden when the summer is over and nothing remains but damp benches and cold fall air? One inspired option is to set up a teepee in the unused space. Not the first thing that may spring to mind, but inside the sawdust-lined tent at the WigWamBam event at London bar Queen of Hoxton, you sup spiced pumpkin cider around a huge fire glowing in the centre (on which bratwurst is cooked, filling the tent with a mouth-watering smell). You will leave wondering why everyone hasn't done it. Start your petition to establish a local roof garden now.

Ping-Pong it

What better way to get rid of the tensions of a hard day than by kicking ass at Ping-Pong? This was the question that occurred to Adam Breener, founder of Ping-Pong chain Bounce, before he set up his first successful bar. "We made a commitment that we would reinvigorate the sport by bringing it back to its parlour game roots, by combining great food, great cocktails, great music, in a beautifully designed space." He's not the only one paddling around: Susan Sarandon co-founded Ping-Pong club SPiN, with branches in Dubai, L.A., New York and Toronto.

Dinner + movie

Go beyond popcorn at Edible Cinema. On entering, you are given a selection of numbered packages that you will be directed to eat at certain points throughout the film. These have been created by experts to perfectly coordinate with the action taking place on the big screen. Imagine eating pine-scented popcorn whilst watching the scene in Pan's Labyrinth set in a Spanish woodland. Previous Edible Cinema experiences have been run by the Soho House group (which has locations in London, Berlin, Miami, New York, Toronto and Hollywood) and the Electric Cinema in London.

Dining darkly

Staffed by blind waiters and guides, Dans le Noir? gives diners the opportunity to experience food in its purest form — by taste and smell only. Served in the pitch black, the idea is that the senses are awakened and you lose any inhibitions. It's a strange sensation, especially as you're served a surprise menu. (Who knew kangaroo could taste so good?) The founder Edouard de Broglie describes it as "a place to open your mind and question yourself on taste, but also your relationships with other people." You can find spots in Paris, Barcelona, St. Petersburg and London, and similar ones worldwide — try Camaje in New York.

Pop-up spots

Combining the relatively new trend of pop-up restaurants with the age-old tradition of private members' clubs, the Dead Doll's Club in the East End of London became the hottest place to be this summer. With weekly supper clubs and a joining fee of fancy alcohol (for them to put behind the bar), it hit upon the perfect mix of exclusivity and affordability. It was also a lavishly decorated nod to the heritage found in the likes of Mayfair's upmarket clubs, but with a street-food-esque menu. "With everybody from British Airways to Topshop getting in on the pop-up idea, we now have to look at offering a new and exciting experience rather than just good food," said co-founder Adam Towner.

Avril Lavigne talks Chad Kroeger, getting wasted and her new album

Interview. The pop-rock princess opens up about her new husband, their courtship and cleaning up some of her lyrics

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Avril Lavigne makes no apologies for her pop-rock brand of music. GETTY IMAGES

On the cover of Avril Lavigne's newly released self-titled album, she looks all grown up, with a stern expression and dark makeup framing her eyes. But the first thing she sings on the album is the line "I don't care about my makeup," so it's probably best to pay heed to the age-old advice of not judging a book by its cover. Within Avril Lavigne is a whole bunch of fun anthemic pop that she'll be the first to tell you, doesn't really get too deep within Avril Lavigne. Sophisticated stuff, this is not, but there seems to be a friction on the album between the impulse to try to preserve her youth and the impulse to grow up. In conversation, Avril Lavigne is as laid back and self-assured as any of her songs would lead you to believe.

The feeling I get from this album is definitely a summer feel. It doesn't really seem very November to release an album with tracks like Bitchin' Summer and Sippin' on Sunshine.
It's funny because I asked myself if this was going to just turn out to be a summer record. We were doing a lot of writing in the summer, and I wanted to have a summer song, you know, driving in the car, good feeling, good times. For about a week I was writing songs like that. But this album has Sippin' on Sunshine and Bitchin' Summer. And then Rock N Roll kind of does have summer feel to it. The record was supposed to come out earlier, but they changed the date on me three f—ing times.

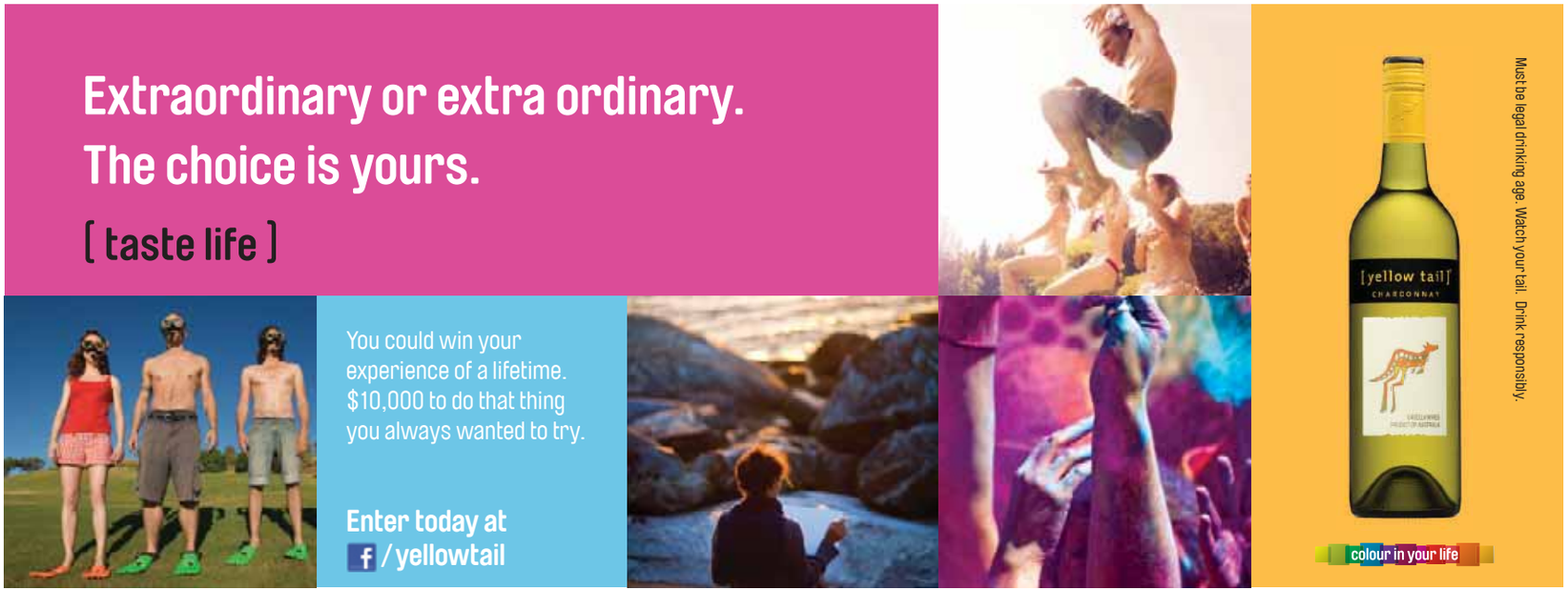
You seem caught between the sentiment of Here's to Never Growing Up and actually growing up ...
It's really not that deep, musically. I like to be on stage, I like to write pop-rock songs. That's what everyone wants to hear from me, and that's when everyone goes ape-shit, with the fist-pumping and all. But there are different sides to me, I enjoy sitting down at the piano and telling this in-depth story and writing an emotional ballad (but also) I love rock music, so I have Bad Girl on this record and Hello Kitty, which has a grungy electronic feel. So the album is diverse and I wanted to write all different types of styles and moods.

There are a lot of mentions of getting wasted on this album too. I feel like you don't hear that referred to in such a straightforward way that much on pop radio.
(Laughs.)

Do you have people that are saying that they can't get your stuff on the radio because of the content?
There is a clean version and an explicit version. It's something I definitely think about, but then I have the opportunity to offer two options.

With this album, you collaborated a lot with your husband, Chad Kroeger. I've heard it referred to as a snapshot of your relationship's development. At what point in the creative process did you guys realize there was truly something there? At what part of writing and working together did you guys fall in love?
Well, we worked on the album and he was on tour. Then he left and then we worked again. We worked in different clumps. When I had actually taken a break after the tour, I moved to France on my own. Then he came out to visit me and that was our first time getting together without it being work-driven.

Did any songs come about from the courtship?
We have a duet on this record. That was the first one we worked on together. Then we also worked on a song called If I said That I Loved You, and it's a duet, it's unreleased.



Handwritten Born to Run headed to auction

Music history.
According to Sotheby's, the document has lots of unpublished and unrecorded material from Springsteen

A handwritten working manuscript of Bruce Springsteen's 1975 hit Born to Run will be offered at auction on Dec. 5, with a presale estimate of $70,000 to $100,000 US, Sotheby's said Wednesday. The seller was not revealed. The auction house said the document used to be in the collection of Springsteen's former manager, Mike Appel.

Sotheby's said most of the lines in this 1974 version, written in Long Branch, N.J., are apparently unpublished and unrecorded, but the manuscript does include "a nearly perfected chorus."

Springsteen's thought process, written in blue ink on an 8 1/2-by-11 sheet of ruled notepaper, looks like this:

"This town'll rip the (out your) bones from yourback / it's a suicide trap (rap) (it's a trap to catchthe young) your dead unless / you get out (we gotto) while your young so (come on! / with) take myhand cause tramps / like us baby we were born to run."

"The imagery and tone are constant from the present manuscript to the final song," the auctioneer said.

The document will be part of a Manhattan sale of fine books and manuscripts.

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Family Guy milestone celebrates Life of Brian

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News in NYC

In case you missed it earlier this week, in one of the most unexpected TV deaths since Game of Thrones killed off Ned Stark with almost no fanfare (we're still reeling over that one) Family Guy lost one of its central characters in last Sunday's episode, Life of Brian.

If the title of the episode wasn't spoiler enough, watch out, BIG OLD SPOILER COMING ATCHA RIGHT NOW.

Oh my God! They killed Brian! For those who have never seen Seth MacFarlane's cartoon series (or stopped watching after every college bro with a Solo cup of Miller Lite and a less-than-honed sense of humour started yelling Family Guy quotes in your face in lieu of conversation in line for the keg), Brian is the family dog, voiced by MacFarlane, who's been the voice of reason on the show since its debut in 1999.

And now he's dead.

In his final episode, he was struck by a car and killed, which is sort of weird considering how many times he's been impaled/bludgeoned/thrown off buildings/endured other fatal blows, mostly at the hands of Stewie, without dying throughout his tenure. But, all dogs go to heaven, and all TV characters have their run, so maybe it was time.

In what was a typically heart-rending episode, Brian was replaced by a new dog named Vinny (voiced by Tony Sirico of The Sopranos) who may or may not kill the show for many die-hard fans, if the already trending hashtag #BringBackBrian is any indication.

Review

Killzone: Shadow Fall

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In a war-torn city where two races secretly plot each other's annihilation, it's up to you to track down a weapon of mass destruction and prevent its use. Everyone is so nihilistic and mad with barking rhetoric that it's hard to really care, but the chase itself is fun thanks to zip lines, runaway trains, and exhilarating free falls from orbit. A helpful drone companion keeps the shoot-outs interesting while a mysterious woman and a glossy, futuristic landscape suggest a more intriguing adventure than the fun, but forgettable shooter we're given. **KRIS ABEL**

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Kanye West

I didn't tell nobody not to buy no Louis Vuitton nohow, Kanye clarifies

Kanye West wants to clarify his stance on Louis Vuitton. The rapper insists he never ordered his fans to boycott the fancy fashion brand — since it would be unnecessary. "It's a misconception that I said boycott Louis Vuitton," he said during an interview with NYC radio station 92.3 Now.

"You can't boycott Louis Vuitton. I wouldn't tell nobody to boycott a brand that ain't nobody even thinking about no more. Nobody thinking about buying no Louis Vuitton." The beef apparently started after the head of the label declined West's request for a meeting.

Australia

How Justin's new hobby is going over Down Under

An Australian hotel is declaring itself a graffiti Belieber, despite being at odds with the city government. QT Hotel in the Gold Coast said it gave Justin Bieber permission to spray graffiti on its wall. The Canadian singer and others posted images online showing cartoon faces in fluorescent paint on an outdoor wall at the hotel in Queensland state.

After hearing criticism, the hotel changed its Facebook page cover art Thursday to show Bieber, his graffiti and the declaration: "He asked, and we said YES."

The Gold Coast mayor Tom Tate says the singer risked undermining the city's efforts to fight graffiti. "The last thing we want is to have graffiti glorified and more young people thinking it's a cool thing to do," he said.

In a letter to the hotel, Tate asserted the city can insist on removal of graffiti in private spaces if it's visible from public spaces.

But in further posts on its Facebook page, QT Hotel defended Bieber as an excellent hotel guest and said it wanted to promote graffiti as an art form. It invited artists to share examples of their work to be judged, with select artists being offered a hotel wall they could spray-paint themselves.

Bieber performed in Brisbane on Wednesday and has more concerts in Sydney on Friday and Saturday.

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Dear riff-raff: Stop bothering my extraordinarily accomplished daughter Gwyneth

Blythe Danner wants everyone to leave her daughter, Gwyneth Paltrow, alone. "I feel she's just extraordinarily accomplished in every area, and people don't like that," Danner says in an interview with the blog Naughty But Nice Rob.

"Some people don't like that, people who are bored and sit on their asses all day and just tap away.

"I mean, I don't read any of it, I just find it disgusting. There is a coarsening of our culture today that is just so tragic."

Blythe Danner. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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Old school Austrian sips

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After more than two decades of taking it on the chin from their New World counterparts, the winemakers of Europe are making a comeback. While France and Italy are seeing the biggest upsurge in popularity, Spain, Germany and Austria are harvesting the benefits of the growing interest in their juice.

Yes, I said Austria — a country I bet you didn't know has been making wine for more than four centuries. Impossible-to-pronounce regional names and grape varieties that are virtually Austrian exclusive haven't helped the cause.

Though reds make up about 30 per cent of the country's output, whites are Austria's claim to fame. Typically drier and zippier than those made by its German neighbours, whites with the Grüner Veltliner grape have made a modern name for themselves as a partner for Asian cuisine (think sushi).

With its Franz Ferdinand-esque label and phonetic first name; the Grooner 2012 Grüner Veltliner ($13.11 - $16.99) is a modern take on old-school Austria with citrusy fruit, balanced acidity and a clean, green finish.

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A modern take on a Hanukkah tradition

Three Root Vegetable Latkes. The perfect fall-inspired recipe

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Potato latkes are a traditional Jewish or Eastern European dish, especially served on Hanukkah. I wanted to make a healthy version, so I used a blend of root vegetables. Use the grater blade of a food processor to grate the veggies.

1. In a skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, add the oil, onions and garlic. Sauté on medium heat for 10 minutes until tender. Add the sugar and sauté another 5 minutes. Place in a mixing bowl.

2. Squeeze out the excess moisture from the grated vegetables.

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups diced onion
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 2 cups grated peeled sweet potatoes
- 2 cups grated peeled baking potato
- 1 cup grated peeled parsnips
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh dill or 1 tsp dried
- 2 eggs
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup tzatziki

This recipe serves six. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Add the vegetables to the onion mixture along with the dill, eggs and salt and pepper.

3. Pat into 12 latkes. In two large non-stick skillets add 1 tbsp vegetable oil sauté on a medium heat the latkes for about 7 minutes per side or until vegetables are soft. Serve with the tzatziki.

Restrictions

Please be advised that this recipe may not meet all Jewish dietary or traditional requirements.

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Just opened: Bricco Kitchen and Wine Bar

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Just opened: Barrio Coreano

Over in the Annex, located at 642 Bloor S. W., you'll see a new outpost of the Playa Cabana empire. This one's dubbed Barrio Coreano, and it definitely breaks the mold created by three other locations. Barrio has a Korean-inspired ingredient list for its famed tacos (appropriate, being in Koreatown) as well as cocktails.

Just opened: BOLT Fresh Bar

As the clean-eating trend continues in the city, we're seeing new eateries that cater to this lifestyle pop up all over town. Case in point: BOLT Fresh Bar at 1170 Queen St. W. What's on the menu? Healthful options, naturally. Menu items include salads, juices, smoothies and grain bowls. They also have a selection of nutritive shots for the diehards out there.

Just opened: TOMA Burger Addiction

For any who thought the burger trend had long since fizzled out, we've got some news for you: it hasn't, and if anything it might starting all over again. Introducing TOMA Burger Addiction, another new burger joint on Queen West (at 712) that's serving up classic yet creative takes on our favourite handheld eats.

Just opened: King Rustic

At 926 King St. W. you'll now find King Rustic, a restaurant and lounge that caters to the discerning diners of DT West. They offer an eclectic mix of food — apropos, given the multicultural nature of Toronto. There's also a slew of fusion cocktails, brunch on offer, and more surprises to come.

HoHoTO 2013

It's back, and better than ever. Yes, HoHoTo is back for another instalment, with this year's event happening on Dec. 19 at The Mod Club (722 College St. W.). The big social media et al. holiday party sees funds being raised for the Daily Bread Food Bank, an always worthwhile cause. Expect tons of drinks, great tunes and some awesome holiday vibes.

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Concussions

Vaive wants out of lawsuit vs. NHL

Former Toronto Maple Leafs captain Rick Vaive has asked that his name be removed from the concussion lawsuit against the NHL.

Vaive's lawyer Trevor Whiffen claims the former 50-goal man wasn't provided with a copy of the claim beforehand and that he would not have agreed to the allegations made against the NHL had he been asked to review its contents.

"Mr. Vaive misunderstood the nature of the proceeding being brought, and believed this claim was similar to the worker's compensation claim being advanced in California on behalf of several former NHL players," Whiffen said in a statement Thursday.

"Rick has no interest in suing the National Hockey League and has advised that he will not be pursuing the claim in Washington. He has therefore instructed me to take the necessary steps required in order to remove his name from the lawsuit."

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NFL

DeMarco delights Dallas fans with touchdown troika

DeMarco Murray did the finishing work for the Dallas Cowboys. Backup Lance Dunbar made his job a lot easier. Murray ran for three touchdowns, Dunbar had a career-high 82 yards rushing and the Cowboys overcame Oakland's fumble return for a score on the opening kickoff to beat the Raiders 31-24 Thursday.

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Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson dunks the football through the uprights after his 20-yard touchdown on Thursday in Detroit. Johnson had six receptions for 101 yards and his TD put the Lions up 24-10 early in the third quarter of a game they would go on to win 40-10. RICK OSENTOSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lions show 'special' side after lousy start

NFL. Lions bounce back to score 37 straight points against short-handed Packers

Matthew Stafford and Reggie Bush did their part to keep the Aaron Rodgers-less Green Bay Packers in the game.

Stafford turned the ball over a few times and Bush did once.

Instead of crumbling and losing confidence, both players bounced back and helped the Detroit Lions put together a dominant performance after an awful start.

Stafford threw three touchdown passes, including one to Calvin Johnson, Bush had 182 yards of offence and scored, and Detroit tallied 37 straight points to rout Green Bay 40-10 on Thursday.

On Thursday

Lions	Packers
40	10

Megatron reels in Rice

4,944

Detroit's Calvin Johnson now has 4,944 yards receiving in two-plus seasons, breaking Jerry Rice's NFL record for yards receiving in a three-year stretch. Rice had 4,850 yards receiving from 1993 to 1995.

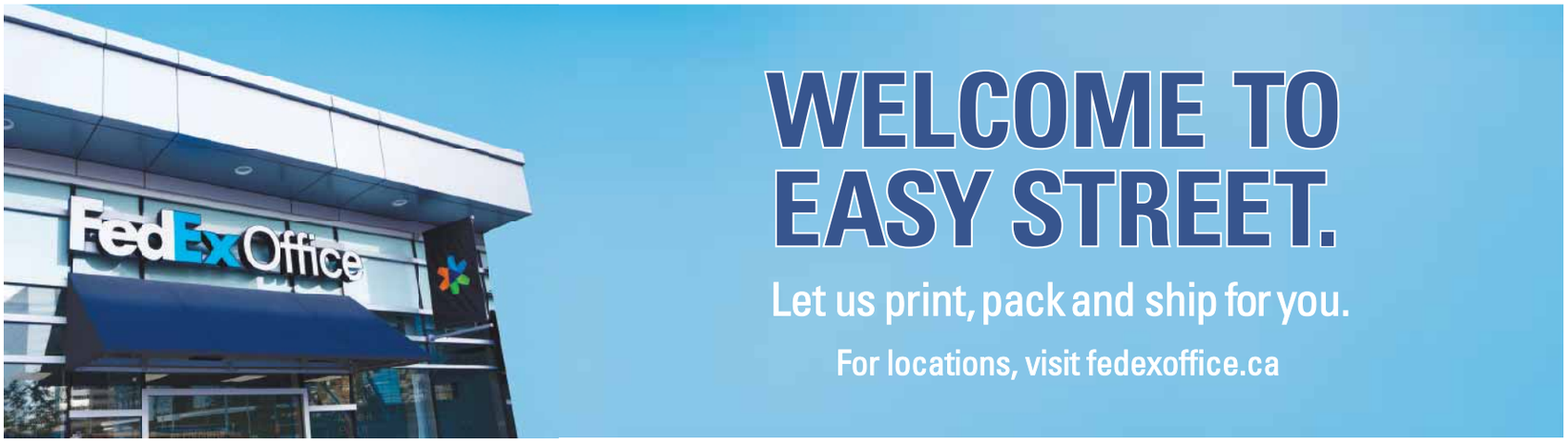
"When we get out of our own way, we can be pretty special," Bush said.

Early on, it looked as if the Lions were going to find another way to waste chances to win a game and take control of the NFC North.

"It's easy when you lose a couple games in a row, particularly the fashion that we lost, for people to say, 'Here we go again,'" Detroit coach Jim Schwartz said. "I'm sure there were some people that were saying that, but they weren't on our sideline."

The Lions (7-5) had lost their last two games, five consecutive against Green Bay and a franchise-record nine straight in their annual showcase on U.S. Thanksgiving.

"It's a step in the right direction for us," Stafford said. "I'm sure the turkey will taste better." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Winter Classic

Borders may be closed to Mayor Ford

Mayor Rob Ford
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he wants to attend the Winter Classic near Detroit. He may not get past Windsor.

Ford's admission that he smoked crack cocaine in the last two years leaves him with a border problem. While he might still be granted entry into the U.S. — applications are handled on a case-by-case basis — he could also be rejected, according to the U.S. government and a Toronto immigration lawyer.

Under U.S. law, the mere admission of illegal drug use is grounds to be turned away.

Ford's chief of staff, Dan Jacobs, and lawyer, Dennis Morris, did not respond to a request to say whether the mayor has applied or will apply for a "waiver of inadmissibility" to ensure safe passage.

"My advice to Rob Ford would be, 'Don't leave town.' The short version of a long story is yes, he has a border problem," said lawyer Joel Sandaluk of the Toronto firm Mamann, Sandaluk & Kingwell LLP. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

All not fine for Leafs in crunch time

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Despite the point the Maple Leafs got against Sidney Crosby and the Penguins Wednesday night, their 6-5 shootout loss was extra painful for Toronto fans because it followed the pattern established in Game 7 against the Boston Bruins in the first round of last season's playoffs.

Building a big lead only to collapse as the Leafs did in Pittsburgh isn't just a reminder of Boston, it represents one of the Leafs' big problems as a team. Toronto has developed the nasty habit of squandering leads with lacklustre third periods.

Lacklustre doesn't begin to capture how woeful many of the final frames have been. "Unencumbered by any lustre whatsoever" is much closer to the truth. In its first 25 games this year, Toronto has more often than not come out of the gate slowly: They've amassed a total of just 17 first-period goals, putting them in the bottom-third of the NHL in that regard. The Buds have been most successful in the second (27 goals) and almost as good in the third period (23).

The Leafs and goalie Jonathan Bernier gave up 4-1 and 5-3 leads on Wednesday night in Pittsburgh.
BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

But the problem has been at the other end of the ice.

The Leafs are tied for fourth-overall for the NHL's fewest first-period goals allowed (16), but they get worse as the game continues. Toronto has surrendered 21 second-period goals and 27 in the third. The only two teams who have given up more third-period goals are Edmonton (29) and Calgary (34).

To many, the Leafs' inability to clamp down as the game goes on says a lot. It says they can play free and easy early, only to panic and buckle when opponents turn up the heat. It says the opposition is adjusting to Toronto's attack, but the same can't be said for head coach Randy Carlyle and his charges. It says the young core still hasn't figured out how to step on another team's collective neck when they've jumped out to a big advantage.

Most importantly, it says fixing their late-game defence must be the prevailing priority.

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Jayhawks win ugly with Wiggins ailing

NCAA men's basketball. No. 2 Kansas gets tested, then prevails over Wake Forest

Andrew Wiggins is averaging 16.8 points on 58.5 per cent shooting with 6.3 rebounds through five games as a freshman with Kansas.
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Winning ugly is nothing that Kansas coach Bill Self will complain about.

In fact, there's times he finds it downright satisfying.

Like Thursday, for instance, when Thornhill's Andrew Wiggins was slowed by the flu, when the second-ranked Jayhawks used reserves more than starters in the second half and when the hottest scorer on the court happened to be wearing a Wake Forest uniform. No problem — Self was all smiles afterward, because above all else, a win always beats the alternative.

Wiggins scored 12 of his 17 points in the final 5:53, and Kansas held off previously unbeaten Wake Forest 87-78 in the quarter-finals of the Battle 4 Atlantis. A pair of reserves, Frank Mason and Joel Embiid, combined for 23 more points for the Jayhawks (5-0), who will face Villanova in the semifinals on Friday night in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

"I've always taken great pride in winning ugly," Self said. "I think it's good to win ugly. I'd rather win pretty, but there's nothing wrong with winning ugly. The thing about it that's frustrating to me, and I think these guys will probably agree, we've always been a team that won ugly by not allowing the other team to score."

That wasn't the case Thursday, at least not in the final 20 minutes. Well, the last 20:01, really.

Kansas was up by 16 when Codi Miller-McIntyre got a layup to fall for Wake Forest just before the first half ended.

Before that shot, Miller-McIntyre had only four points. He finished with a career-best 26, and has scored at least 20 in five of Wake Forest's six games this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NBA

Sippy cup next time, Kidd?

The NBA has fined Brooklyn Nets coach Jason Kidd $50,000 for intentionally spilling a drink on the court to delay a game with 8.3 seconds left in the Nets' 99-94 loss to the Lakers on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

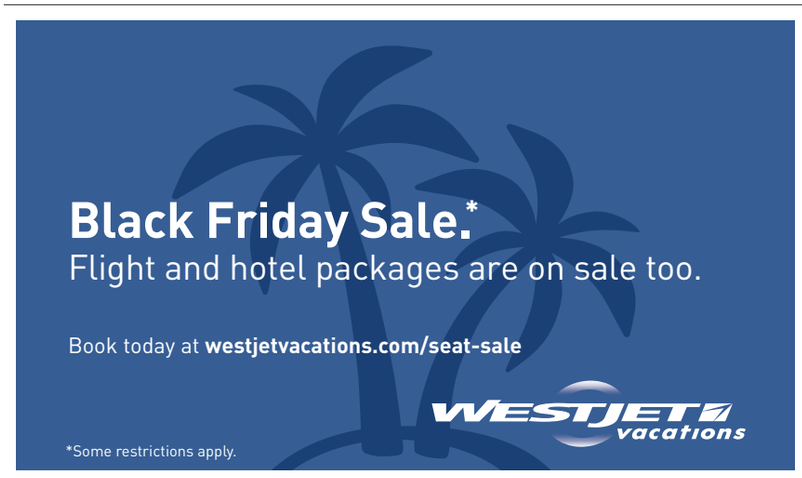
Flames lose top rookie Monahan

Calgary rookie sensation Sean Monahan will miss at least the next two games with a hairline fracture in his foot and defenceman Dennis Wideman will be out six to eight weeks with a fractured hand, the Flames announced Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

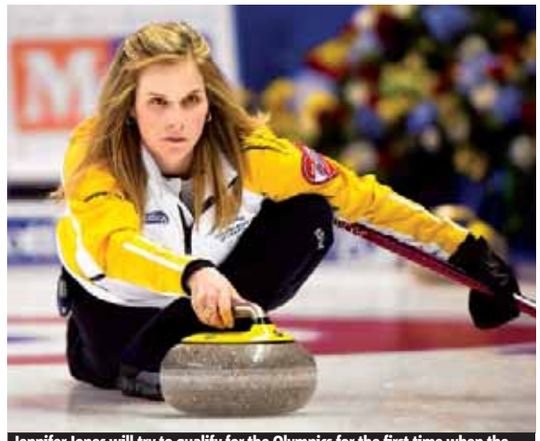
Dickenson signs on to stay on Stamps sideline

Dave Dickenson signed a three-year contract and is staying in Calgary with the Stampeders to serve as the CFL team's offensive co-ordinator and assistant head coach. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sochi within reach on Jones' home ice

Curling. Jones vies for her first Olympic berth at Roar of the Rings



Jennifer Jones will try to qualify for the Olympics for the first time when the Roar of the Rings starts this Sunday in Winnipeg. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jennifer Jones is one of the most successful skips in Canadian curling but, starting Sunday, she'll be trying once more to capture the one prize that has eluded her so far — a trip to the Olympics.

Jones and her rink will join 15 more of Canada's best curling teams at the trials to determine which men and women will wear Canada's colours in Sochi.

"To represent your country at this huge sporting event, what the Olympics is all about, would be amazing," Jones said.

She has tried twice before, in 2005 and 2009, and struck out both times, not even making the playoffs. And it's not like she was struggling with her game at the time, winning the Scotties in both those years.

But the Tim Hortons Roar of the Rings Canadian Curling Trials isn't a competition where winning your province even gets you into this game.

In fact, 14 of the 16 teams vying to represent Canada at the Olympics come from just three provinces — Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba.

Jones knows from bitter experience how tough it can be to score the coveted spot on Canada's Olympic team, though right now she's the top-ranked female curler in Canada.

Jones has had more than just a taste of success with four national titles (three in a row starting in 2008), one world title on her CV and a third-place finish at another world championship in 2010.

The women's final will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7. Organizers are predicting huge attendance numbers for the trials, being held at the MTS Centre while the Winnipeg Jets are on an extended road trip. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scotch on the rocks

Will Ferrell, in the persona of outrageous TV anchorman Ron Burgundy, signed on for the opening of the event as part of the broadcasting team with TSN curling veteran Vic Rauter.

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2014 World Cup

Union leader says supervisor was warned about crane

A safety engineer at the World Cup stadium where a giant crane collapse killed two workers allegedly warned his supervisor of possible problems with the operation, only to have his concerns brushed aside, a labour-union leader charged Thursday.

The incident has fed worries about Brazil's capacity to host next year's showcase tournament, as well as the 2016 Olympics, though authorities insist they will be ready for both.

Sao Paulo's Arena Corinthians was slated to be completed by the end of December, and workers have suggested speed was a top priority on the construction site, with many working 12-hour shifts and skipping vacations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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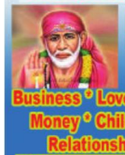

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
This should be an encouraging day and even if you don't accomplish anything remarkable, you will still make progress. Though what seems like no big deal to you may look remarkable to others.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Try not to put yourself under stress today because the planets suggest you will get more out of life if you take things easy. Treat what look like a major setback as no more than a minor irritation.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There is no point complaining unless you intend to change it. If you give rivals the idea that you are upset about what they are up to, they might decide to do it more.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Something you used to get a great deal of joy from no longer thrills you. In a way that's good because it means you can devote the time and energy you spent on it to more serious creative matters.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Flattery will get you everywhere today and will be especially useful if you want to make a good impression on the work front. People in positions of power like to be told how wonderful they are.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Speak up and say what is on your mind but don't expect any applause. If you have any criticisms maybe you should try to make them sound more like positive suggestions.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You won't solve a problem by trying to force others to see it from your point of view. If they get the impression that you feel you are intellectually superior to, them they will go out of their way to defy you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try saying nice things to important people today. You may not believe a word of it but if you can get employers to support what you are doing it could mean the difference between success and failure.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There have been times of late when it felt as if you were at the mercy of events but it isn't as bad as you think. With the Sun firmly placed in your sign, you should be more upbeat about your prospects now.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make it your aim to find something to enjoy in everything you do. Whatever it is you are working on there is no reason why it should not make you smile.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be eager to push ahead with a project but the planets indicate it might be best to wait a few days. Both tomorrow's Sun-Uranus link and next Tuesday's new moon will bring about new ideas.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will see only what you want to see today. That's fine, but if you close your mind completely to new possibilities you'll be the loser.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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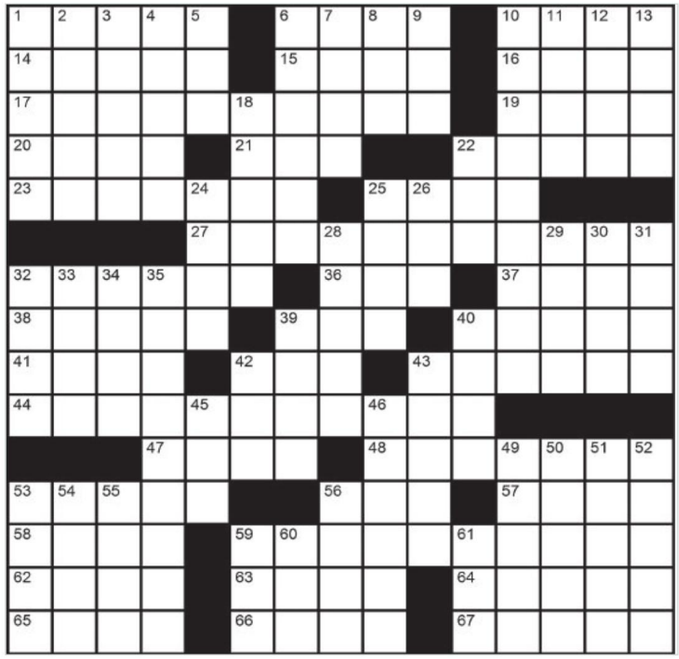

Across

1. Vermicelli
6. Piece of the puzzle
10. Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyles website, __.com
14. Gelatin mould dish
15. James __ (Pulitzer-winning writer)
16. "__ la Douce" (1963)
17. Racecar driver Jacques, an honoured member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame
19. Achievement
20. Good vs __ (Superhero's battle)
21. Bar beverage
22. Rock
23. Embark on a cruise: 2 wds.
25. Earth
27. It kicks off the Christmas shopping season: 2 wds.
32. Figures of speech
36. Sanction
37. Store event
38. Moved off course
39. "Way cool!"
40. Scatter
41. Docking spot
42. Sighed sounds
43. Snow-packed ski runs
44. Historic building from 1886 where The Second City in Toronto was famously located: 3 wds.
47. Fertilizer ingredient
48. Record-breaking building category
53. Quality
56. "Frasier" character
57. "Ah, me!"
58. This spot
59. Singer from Saint-Ignace, New Brunswick: 2 wds.
62. Buffalo kind
63. __ Cooper
64. Beaver-ish looking animal
65. Look after
66. Assorted [abbr.]
67. Highway-crossing animals

Down

1. Does road work
2. "__ __ always said..."
3. __ pea soup
4. Cash register drawers
5. Hotshot
6. Spain: Valencian dish of rice
7. Fluish feeling
8. Gun the engine
9. Football prop
10. Thingies put out annually by Oprah Winfrey, and most recently, Gwyneth Paltrow: 2 wds.
11. Celebrated cookie
12. Muscat is its capital
13. Hors d'oeuvre spread
18. Manicurist's concerns
22. Military address
24. Sleep Country Canada purchase, __ __
25. Timetable, cool-style
26. Commonly, poetically
28. English punk band, with The
29. Dash
30. Sheltered, nautically
31. Archery bow trees
32. Spellllling boo-boo
33. Racetrack fence
34. Was in debt
35. Chanel No. 5's magazine page: 2 wds.
39. Ms. Perlman
40. Window ledge
42. Go-Go's smash: "Our Lips __ Sealed"
43. Shopping __
45. Galway's country [abbr.]
46. English pop trio, __ Kitten
49. Espresso style
50. Upper crust
51. More sensible
52. Boris Godunov, and others
53. Fantastic, in slang
54. Boulevard in Montreal, __-Levesque
55. Cast or Wrought
56. Also-__
59. "This is yummy."
60. Crossword rendering of a segment of a road's dotted line
61. Mr. Stewart

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7		9				2		6
	8		5		4		1	
2								3
		4	1		3	8		
	6						4	
		7	2		5	6		
4								8
	3		8		9		6	
9		8				1		5

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	6	9	3	7	5	1	2	8
5	1	2	8	9	4	6	7	3
7	8	3	1	2	6	9	5	4
2	7	4	6	8	1	3	9	5
8	9	6	5	3	2	4	1	7
3	5	1	7	4	9	8	6	2
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6	4	7	9	5	3	2	8	1

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The Ontario government has just passed a new law that requires carbon monoxide alarms to be installed in any home with a fuel-burning heating system or appliance, fireplace, or attached garage or carport. The safety benefits are obvious, the financial implications to families small – but it was not an easy road.

In early December 2008 OPP constable Laurie Hawkins, her husband Richard and their two children Jordan and Cassandra all died when carbon monoxide came back into their home because of a blocked chimney vent attached to their gas fireplace. They were popular members of the Woodstock community. They did not have a carbon monoxide alarm.

Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman joined a nation's shock. How could this happen to an entire family, and, one in his riding? He introduced a Private Members Bill (P C) at Queen's Park on December 11, 2008 calling for the mandatory installation of carbon monoxide alarms in all Ontario homes with a fuel-burning device or attached garage or carport.

He named his bill "The Hawkins-Gignac Act" to honour the lives lost.

As MPP Hardeman rose in the House time and again to rally support for his bill, all parties seemed onside. Despite Private Members Bills rarely being passed into law, this one was different. But the minority Liberals prorogued the legislature three times over the next three years, stopping the Hawkins-Gignac Act in its tracks each time….only to be re-introduced again by Mr. Hardeman.

Frustration mounted, especially for family members who saw the bill as a "no-brainer." John Gignac, Laurie's uncle and a veteran firefighter, became a family spokesman to publicly warn of the dangers of carbon monoxide and urge the installation of CO alarms - law or no law.

Finally on November 27, 2013 The Hawkins-Gignac Act became law with unanimous all-party support. Although it will likely officially come into effect a few months from now, Ontarians should not wait…install a carbon monoxide alarm now so your family is protected!

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In shock, the large extended family grapples with answers to two questions: "Why them?" and "How can we make something good come from something so terrible?"

Enter 34-year veteran firefighter John Gignac. His brother Ben has just lost his daughter, two grandchildren and son-in-law. John asks Ben how he can ease his suffering. Ben's plea? "Make sure this never happens to another family."

So John postpones his retirement, helps to create a registered charity called The Hawkins-Gignac Foundation for CO Education, and embarks on a mission to warn all Ontarians and Canadians about the dangers of carbon monoxide. His only public speaking experience is doing safety talks to community groups as a firefighter. His other major challenge? John is afraid to fly and has never been on an airplane!

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